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I, THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body, at its Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation, commenced at the city of San Francisco on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, A. D. 1879, A. I. 2409, and of the returns of the subordinate Chapters and other matters authorized to be published.



## **In Testimony Whereof,**

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this thirtieth day of April, A. D. 1879, A. I. 2409.

*Thomas H. Caswell,*  
Grand Secretary.

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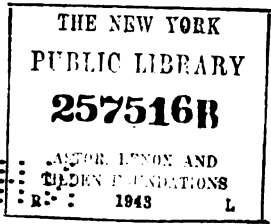
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MASONIC TEMPLE, IN THE CITY OF SAN FRANCISCO;  
COMMENCED ON  
TUESDAY, APRIL 8, A. D. 1879, A. I. 2409,  
AND TERMINATED ON  
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9, A. D. 1879, A. I. 2409.



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GRAND OFFICERS  
OF THE  
*Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons*  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA,  
*For the year commencing April, A. I. 2409, and ending  
April, A. I. 2410.*

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M. E. NATHAN W. SPAULDING, .. GRAND HIGH PRIEST, ..... *Oakland* ;  
R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... DEP'Y GRAND HIGH PRIEST, .. *Weaverville* ;  
R. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME, ..... GRAND KING, ..... *Los Angeles* ;  
R. E. WM. MONROE PETRIE, ..... GRAND SCRIBE, ..... *Sacramento* ;  
R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES, .. GRAND TREASURER, ..... *San Francisco* ;  
R. E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, .. GRAND SECRETARY, ..... *San Francisco* ;  
E. SAMUEL GRAVES, .. GRAND CHAPLAIN, ..... *San Francisco* ;  
E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, .. GRAND LECTURER, ..... *San Francisco* ;  
E. LEONIDAS E PRATT, ..... GRAND CAPT. OF THE HOST, .. *San Francisco* ;  
E. JOHN CHANEY PARTRIDGE, .. GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPT'N, .. *Susanville* ;  
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ... GRAND ORGANIST, ..... *San Francisco* ;  
" IRA COLBURN ROOT, ..... GRAND GUARD, ..... *San Francisco*.

# GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

## Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its Twenty-fifth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the eighth day of April, A. D. 1879, A. I. 2409, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

### GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E. JOHN MILLS BROWNE,.....*Grand High Priest*;  
 " R. E. NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING,.....*Deputy Grand High Priest*;  
 " R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,.....*Grand King*;  
 " R. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....*Grand Scribe*;  
 " R. E. HIRAM THEBOOF GRAVES,.....*Grand Treasurer*;  
 " R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....*Grand Secretary*;  
 " E. SAMUEL GRAVES,.....*Grand Chaplain*;  
 " E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....*Grand Lecturer*;  
 " E. HENRY HAY KNAPP,.....*Grand Capt. of the Host, pro tem.*;  
 " E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,.....*Grand Royal Arch Captain*;  
 Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....*Grand Organist*;  
 " IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....*Grand Guard*;

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The M. E. JOHN DUNBAR CREEGH,.....*Past Grand High Priest*;  
 " M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR,....." " " "  
 " M. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,....." " " "  
 " M. E. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,....." " " "  
 " M. E. JOHN KIRKPATRICK,....." " " "  
 " M. E. ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,....." " " "  
 " M. E. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,....." " " "  
 " M. E. JACOB HART NEFF,....." " " "  
 " M. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,....." " " "  
 " M. E. ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,....." " " "  
 " M. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP,....." " " "  
 " R. E. STEPHEN WING,.....*Past Grand King*;

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There being more than a sufficient representation present, the Grand Chapter of California was opened in *Ample Form*, with music by the choir, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

**The Grand High Priest announced the following committee—**

After a brief recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of the chartered Chapters, or their duly appointed proxies, and Past High Priests, by service within this jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from—

		HENRY WANGENHEIM, High Priest and P. H. P.; EDWARD TAYLOR ANTHONY, King; MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, Scribe;	
San Francisco, No. 1, . . .	JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH, ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, LOUIS COHN,	} Past High Priests.	
	THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,		
Sonora, . . . . . No. 2, . . . .	EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, P. H. P. & proxy for H. P.		
Sacramento, . . . No. 3, . . .	WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, High Priest and P. H. P.;		
	EDWIN GLOVER, Scribe;		
	WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, Past High Priest.		
California, . . . . No. 5, . . .	ABRAHAM HALSEY, High Priest;		
	FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, King;		
	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,		
	GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,		
	HIRAM THROOP GRAVES,		
	WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR,		
	JOHN KIRKPATRICK,		
	THOMAS KYLE,		
	ALBERT FREDERICK KNORP,		
	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,		
	ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS,		
	SAMUEL GRAVES,		
Nevada, . . . . . No. 6, . . .	IANTHIS JEROME ROLFE, High Priest and P. H. P.; THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Past High Priest.		
Benicia, . . . . . No. 7, . . . .	TIMOTHY SAGE, High Priest and Past High Priest.		
Shasta, . . . . . No. 9, . . . .	DANIEL PORTER BYSTLE, P. H. P. & prox. for H. P. & S.		
Sutter, . . . . . No. 11, . . . .	ABNER EDWARD CALLAWAY, High Priest.		
Merced, . . . . . No. 12, . . .	ADOLPH SIMON, High Priest and Past High Priest; HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, King.		

<i>Washington</i> ,.....No. 13,...	{ THOMAS HUGH STEEL, High Priest; LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, Past High Priest.
<i>Howard</i> ,.....No. 14,.....	WILSON HAYE, King.
<i>Cyrus</i> ,.....No. 15,.....	JOHN WILLIAM BIRD, High Priest.
<i>St. James</i> ,.....No. 16,.....	GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Libanus</i> ,.....No. 17,.....	JOHN FLOYD VAN DIVIER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Grass Valley</i> ,...No. 18,.....	JOHN ORISP COLEMAN, High Priest.
<i>Franklin</i> ,.....No. 20,.....	CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K. & S.
<i>Sierra</i> ,.....No. 21,.....	WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Petahuma</i> ,.....No. 22,...	{ JAMES SINGLEY, High Priest and P. H. P.; BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, Past High Priest.
<i>Okver</i> ,.....No. 23,.....	JAMES RUSSEL GLOVER, Past High Priest.
<i>La Fayette</i> ,.....No. 24,.....	RICHARD MUNT, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Georgetown</i> ,...No. 25,...	{ SAMUEL DONCASTER, High Priest and P. H. P.; JOHN ERNEST KUNKLER, Past High Priest.
<i>Delta</i> ,.....No. 27,.....	JOHN THOMPSON KINKADE, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Stockton</i> ,.....No. 28,...	{ GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, High Priest & P. H. P.; EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES, Past High Priest.
<i>Manzanilla</i> ,.....No. 29,.....	JOHN AMBROSE SEELY, P. H. P. and proxy for H. P.
<i>Napa</i> ,.....No. 30,.....	HENRY HAY KNAPP, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Martinez</i> ,.....No. 31,.....	THOMAS ALLEN BROWN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Los Angeles</i> ,...No. 33,...	{ SAMUEL PRAGER, P. H. P. and proxy for H. P., K. & S.; HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past High Priest.
<i>Alturas</i> ,.....No. 34,.....	THOMAS ALONZO MCFARLAND, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>Naval</i> ,.....No. 35,...	{ MATTISON MYERS, High Priest and Past High Priest; FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, King and Past High Priest; JOHN MILLS BROWNE, Past High Priest.
<i>Alameda</i> ,.....No. 36,...	{ JAMES DODS, High Priest and Past High Priest; GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, King; NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, Past High Priest.
<i>Siloam</i> ,.....No. 37,...	{ ALEXANDER GIBSON OLIVER, High Priest and P. H. P.; JACOB HART NEFF, Past High Priest.
<i>Santa Cruz</i> ,.....No. 38,.....	LOUIS SCHWARTZ, High Priest.
<i>Donner</i> ,.....No. 39,.....	CHARLES FAYETTE MCGLASHAN, P. H. P. and proxy for High Priest, King, and Scribe.
<i>Temple</i> ,.....No. 41,.....	WILLIAM GEORGE HUDSON, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Chico</i> ,.....No. 42,.....	CHARLES FAULKNER, High Priest.
<i>Visalia</i> ,.....No. 44,.....	ANDREW HENDERSON BRODER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Woodland</i> ,.....No. 46,.....	THOMAS CROSS POCKMAN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Lassen</i> ,.....No. 47,...	{ JOHN RANSHAW LOCKWOOD, High Priest and P. H. P.; JOHN CHANEY PARTRIDGE, Past High Priest.
<i>Dixon</i> ,.....No. 48,...	{ GEORGE CHURCHILL MCKINLEY, High Priest; HENRY EWALT McCUNE, King; WILLIAM HENRY WILLS, Scribe.
<i>Ventura</i> ,.....No. 50,.....	JONATHAN DOAN HINES, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Corinthian</i> ,.....No. 51,.....	GEORGE EDWARD CHILDS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Ukiah</i> ,.....U. D.,.....	JOHN WESLEY JENKINS, High Priest and P. H. P.

Which report was concurred in and the Companions therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointments to fill vacancies in the Standing Committees:—

*Committee on Finance:*  
Comp. Jonathan Doan Hines,  
" William Buckley Davis.

*Committee on Jurisprudence:*  
Comp. Thomas Allen Brown.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the reading of the Address of the Grand High Priest was made the special order for two o'clock this P. M.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

## In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Tuesday, April 8th, A. I. 2409. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Chapter, as follows:—

### COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA:—

In obedience to the requirement of our Constitution, I have to report my official acts, and indicate the condition of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction, with such recommendations as may be deemed conducive to the prosperity and advancement of our organization.

By your favor, it is my pleasurable duty to extend the welcome greeting, to commence the proceedings, and to preside over your deliberations. In the performance of each the intention is to duly appreciate and merit the honor and confidence vested in me as your executive.

The revolving year should bring with it the remembrance of benefit and of obligation; therefore it is our common duty to reverently recognize the merciful guiding of the Great Ruler of life, which has led us hither in health, to be again united in one purpose for the enhancement of Freemasonry—an institution founded in the acknowledgment of God as the Father, and of man as the Brother.

Favored by the beneficial recommendations of my predecessors, which usually have had adoption, aided by the comparative completeness of the Constitution, which is generally understood, fortunate in the prosperity and harmony of the subordinate Chapters, and assisted by the zeal and intelligence of the Grand Secretary, the duties of my office have not been laborious, and my official acts are not numerous.

It was my determination to have made, during the official term, visitations to as many of the Chapters as attending circumstances would permit, not only for the purpose of witnessing work, examining records, and obtaining a familiarity with their operations, but also to enjoy the pleasure anticipated, to impart instruction, establish closer relations resulting from an individual association with the companions,

and from information thus derived, to have an exact knowledge of communities, their resources and probable future in connection with the Order. The determination has not been realized. Public duties necessitated an absence from the State for a period, and, upon my return, a serious and protracted illness prevented its accomplishment. I am, consequently, unable to execute the intention to report in full the progress and condition of the subordinates, their manner of rendering the ritual, number in attendance, display of interest, and other exhibits, which, however, will be presented in the report of the Grand Lecturer.

I have had the opportunity of visiting certain Chapters, wherein I was gratified with what was seen and heard, and on each occasion a favorable conclusion was derived. Consideration, respect, and courtesy attended my reception; the association was fraught with kindness, the recollections of which will be happily borne into the future. I now officially recognize the many invitations received to participate with the companions on sundry occasions of labor and festivity, and regret the inability that necessitated the self-denial of an intercourse which gave promises of mutual advantage.

With other Grand Bodies our relations continue unchanged. For information concerning their relations and transactions you are referred to the comprehensive Report of the Committee on Correspondence.

On the fourteenth of June, 1878, I granted a dispensation for the institution of a Chapter at Ukiah, believing the act will prove of utility to the Craft. All the documents were in proper form, and will be delivered to the appropriate committee by the Grand Secretary.

Proposed amendments to the By-Laws of Chapters, relative to the reduction of fees and time of meeting, have received my approval, the details of which will be found in the report of the Grand Secretary.

I approved the By-laws of *Lakeport* and *Ukiah* Chapters, U. D., they being in conformity with the uniform code.

I did not approve of a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, authorizing the election of three Trustees, with power and duty to draw from the Treasurer all sums above five hundred dollars, the same to have an immediate deposit in some savings bank selected by the Chapter, from which no money exceeding the sum of one hundred dollars should be drawn except by a resolution of the Chapter, the Trustees to execute a joint and several bond to the High Priest in the sum of one thousand dollars each, together with other provisions.

I saw no necessity for the creation of a Board of Trustees to act as custodians of the funds, this being the office of the Secretary and Treasurer, and these officers ought to be selected with reference to ability and integrity, and each can be required to give sufficient bonds for the faithful execution of their trust. The Chapter can, by a resolution, determine the disposition of its funds, at any time, and in any manner, deemed most expedient. For these reasons, together with the desirability of preserving as far as practicable the uniformity of the code, my approval was not granted.

The Grand Lecturer at the last convocation announced that he had in preparation a Monitor conforming to the ritual and lectures adopted by this Grand Chapter for the Royal Arch degrees. During the year it was printed and made ready for distribution to the subordinate Chapters. I know of no better term to express the character of the work than that borne in its title—"The Hand-Book of the Chapter." In text, arrangement, and execution it merits commendation, and removes a want so long experienced in this jurisdiction. Its terseness and succinctness award it a perfectness that makes me congratulate equally the giver and the receiver.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter will be exhibited in the report of our Grand Treasurer.

Bonds, with approved sureties, were executed and filed in my office by the Grand Secretary for the sum of six thousand dollars, and by the Grand Treasurer for the sum of ten thousand dollars, within the statute limitation, and are herewith presented.

At the last Convocation the Finance Committee were instructed to make a thorough investigation of the books, vouchers, and accounts of the late Grand Secretary, and report at this session. On the eighteenth day of June, 1878, the Finance Committee reported to me, as the result of the examination, that Comp. CHARLES LOUIS WIGGIN, as Grand Secretary, had received since the year 1873 four thousand four hundred thirty-eight dollars and eighty-seven cents (\$4,488.87), which sum remained in his keeping, no portion of the same having been paid over to the Grand Treasurer. It is unnecessary to make a detailed statement of the deplorable affair, since the committee, in obedience to your order, will submit their report. The report to me is herewith offered.

In the same month I received a communication from Comp. HIRAM T. GRAVES, Grand Commander of the Grand Commandery of California, directed to me as Grand Master, alleging malfeasance in office on the part of Comp. WIGGIN while on duty as Grand Recorder of the Grand Commandery. A long-continued and pleasant official association made the duty sad, indeed painful, which compelled me to direct the Master of *Mount Moriah* Lodge, No. 44, to prefer charges against the accused, and to proceed to trial as early as practicable. The result was an *ex parte* trial, concluding in expulsion.

During the year I decided: That a companion not a member of a Chapter is not entitled to and cannot receive a Grand Chapter Diploma;

That a companion, after dismissing from his Lodge, under the impression that membership was not essential to good standing in the Chapter, and after being notified that membership in a Lodge was necessary, and consequently was returned as excluded, was only chargeable with dues to the Chapter from the time of affiliation with the Lodge; that the act of affiliation with the Lodge (no further action than the above having been taken by the Chapter) reinstated him in the Chapter;

That all questions in the Chapter, except elections of officers, voting for candidates for the degrees, or for membership, and in Masonic trials, shall be decided  *viva voce* or by a show of hands;

That the ballot is strictly secret and inviolable, nor should any attempt be made, in any manner, to discover the companion who may have cast a negative ballot, for no companion can be required to divulge his vote, nor to assign reasons therefor, but can exercise the unquestionable right of balloting in the negative as often as the occasion is present demanding, in his opinion, such a vote;

That proposed amendments to By-Laws can only be considered by the Grand High Priest when they show affirmatively that the *mode* of amendment has been complied with, prior notice given, etc., and should appear as transcripts from the records of the Chapter, and properly authenticated under its seal;

That there is no power vested in the Grand High Priest to grant a dispensation to re-ballot on the application of a rejected candidate, that matter being wholly within the province of the Chapter in which he was rejected. (See Sec. 1, Art. XVII. of the Constitution.)

In the absence of any express provision in which that clause of the section is to be made available, and the evident intention of its framers carried into effect, without injustice to the rights of individuals, and best calculated to promote the harmony of the Chapter, which in no wise should be jeopardized, I would recommend—

*First.* That notice in writing be given in stated meeting that the petition of the rejected applicant would be presented at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

*Second.* Upon the reading of such notice, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to notify each and every member of the Chapter of such intended application, and request his presence to vote upon the consideration of the same.

*Third.* At such subsequent meeting, on a motion formally made to re-submit the petition, if the vote be *unanimous* in favor thereof, the petition can be again received and referred, the same as if no previous action had been taken.

Question. "Can a subordinate Chapter hold two regular meetings per month, ballot upon applications, and transact its regular business, the By-laws already providing for bi-monthly meetings?"

Answer. Our Constitution provides that "each Chapter shall have a stated meeting *at least* once in every month, for the transaction of its regular business." It does not prohibit *two* in each month. It further provides that "no Chapter shall ballot upon such application (except by dispensation from the Grand High Priest), until it shall have been referred to a committee whose duty it shall be to make strict examination into the qualifications of the applicant, and to report thereon at the next stated meeting, unless further time be granted." Several of the Chapters in this State have two regular meetings a month, at which petitions are received at one, and reported on and a ballot had at the next, and thus far no decision of the Grand Chapter has been made contrary to, or prohibiting, the practice.

I was informed that a companion had applied for membership repeatedly and was as often rejected, and still persisting, his application was, on motion, laid on the table. Exception was taken by a member, and my opinion solicited. I replied that a companion has the right to renew his application for affiliation after each rejection, and this may continue indefinitely. His application is entitled to, and should receive, a respectful treatment. A vote to lay the application on the table is unmasonic and out of order. I directed the High Priest to cause the petition to be taken from the table, referred to a proper committee, and upon its report to dispose of the case.

A case was brought to my notice which elicited the following questions:—

"Can a man who has received the degrees without paying for them (he having refused), be kept out of the Chapter when he insists on paying his monthly dues?"

"What course can we pursue if the amount cannot be made out of the Secretary?"

I answered: In the case cited the companion who received the degrees without paying the fees is entitled to visit the Chapter by paying the amount of dues, for the non-payment of which he was suspended; for it was not his fault, but that of the Secretary, that the fees were not paid in advance. The degrees were regularly conferred. The Secretary is responsible to the Chapter for the amount of the fees, as he failed to perform the duty with which he was intrusted. The companion who received the degrees and refuses to pay the incident fees, is guilty of unmasonic conduct in being dishonest, and charges should be preferred without delay, with intent to have him expelled from the Chapter. Briefly, the companion in his present condition can visit the Chapter provided he pays his dues; the Secretary is responsible for the fees; the dishonest companion should be brought to trial.

PETER LOHMAN, once a member of the late *Forest* Chapter, No. 10, sends thirty dollars dues, and requests the certificate of the Grand Secretary to enable him to unite with another Chapter. In investigating the matter, the Grand Secretary found that at the time of the surrender of the charter by *Forest* Chapter, Comp. LOHMAN stood suspended for non-payment of dues. If the Chapter were in existence, the companion could clearly reinstate himself by the payment of back and accruing dues; or, the Chapter itself could reinstate him by a remission of his dues. It follows, therefore, in my opinion, that the Grand Chapter may do in the premises what its subordinate could, and reinstate by remission of dues, or accept the amount paid, and direct the certificate to issue. The case is for your consideration.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, at a Quarterly Communication held in February last, adopted the following:—

"WHEREAS, Several of the Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons for non-payment of dues is not suspended in his Chapter, but continues a member in good standing of the same, with all its rights and privileges; and

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter desires to emphatically declare the foregoing to be a violation of Masonic law and usage, and gives countenance to suspended Masons,

*"Therefore be it Resolved, That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: 'I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.'"*

This resolution receives my unqualified approbation. As in our jurisdiction the obtaining of degrees and membership requires the petitioner to be a Master Mason in good standing, and as suspension in, or expulsion from, the Lodge not only ought to be, but actually is, immediate suspension in, or expulsion from, the Chapter, the declaration exacted of visitors is eminently proper, and should have rigid enforcement. Its adoption by us is earnestly recommended.

I received a printed notification to the effect that at the session of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council of the State of Iowa, held on the 15th and 16th of October, past year, the Grand Council was dissolved, and jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master was given to the Grand Chapter by mutual agreement of both parties, according to a plan as reported by the joint committee from the Grand Chapter and Grand Council.

You will remember the action taken at the last annual meeting upon the project of consolidating our Grand Council and Grand Chapter. The memorial prepared for the furtherance of the object, by a joint committee, was concurred in and directed to have presentation by the said committee, in person, to the General Grand Chapter at its triennial convocation in 1880. I do not propose, therefore, to occupy your time further in the matter, since you have determined your action, and until the committee shall have reported the treatment of the memorial by the General Grand Chapter, there is apparently no necessity for other behavior. To the committee, then, the above-mentioned notification will be referred.

From the Deputy Grand High Priest of Arkansas I had the sad intelligence of the death of the Grand High Priest, Comp. JONATHAN W. JORDAN, of whom the communication says: "Our departed M. E. Grand High Priest, J. W. JORDAN, is commended to the remembrance of all Chapter Masons within our jurisdiction and under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States and throughout the universe, as having been a most energetic and industrious Mason; as an honest, upright and honorable man; a lover of and expounder of Masonry as derived from the Fathers of the Order; as one whose memory is dear to the Masons of Arkansas."

To the companions in Arkansas we tender our sympathy, and we unite with them in paying a respectful tribute to the memory of one so upright in character, so active in labor, so faithful in trust; for to have thus served Freemasonry, whether in a higher or lower sphere, is a glorious description of any Mason's life. With truth said Rome's greatest orator, "Brief is the time, short is the space, allotted to man upon earth, but the memory of a life nobly rendered is immortal."

A few words in conclusion. During my absence and illness the duties of my office were performed by the Grand Secretary. His decisions were sustained, and are incorporated with my own. The long and faithful service of this officer, in other stations, in behalf of the Grand Chapter, is too well known to require more than a passing mention, but the assistance rendered to me is as yet only known by him and myself. It is not alone a duty, but a pleasure, to make this public recognition of my appreciation of the aid received, the courtesy exhibited, and the satisfaction enjoyed in our official relations, and thus to evince my sense of obligation.

Companions, before retiring from office permit me to thank you for the honors conferred upon me by your generous will, and to invite for my successor a continuance of your confidence and support. I would that my labors had been greater—at

least that they were commensurate with the high trust committed to my keeping, but in surrendering the same, I take with me the thought of having endeavored to serve you faithfully.

This is the last time we will ever have association in our present positions. Let the experience of the past, with present fruition, incite us to greater action in the future, for good actions grow more powerful by experience and will be stronger in the maturity than at the commencement. Remember that we are Royal Arch Masons, and are supposed to have lived and acted honestly as Master Masons to have entitled us to this advancement, or, as the Arabs say, "the flower which has once unfolded to the sun can never again fold itself up into a bud." Remember the added obligations to rectitude of life, to love what is right and true, to increase in liberality, charity and philanthropy, to be brave, truthful, and upright, to gain character for prudence, and conduct, and integrity. It is of the essence of our organization to be this; therefore let us not sink "into the blind sea of forgetfulness," but rouse to a sense of our moral responsibility, have courage and strength, and confidence in life, be strong-hearted, practical men, earnest and progressive, staunch in friendship, ready in sympathy, with noble endeavors to keep faith with our God, our fellows, and ourselves.

JOHN MILLS BROWNE.

*Grand High Priest.*

Which Address was ordered to be referred to a special Committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such Committee—

On Address of Grand High Priest :...	{	Comp. Jonathan Doan Hines,
		" Charles Fayette Lott,
		" Henry Waagenheim.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation :—

Within sixty days after the close of said Convocation, the proceedings thereof were printed and the usual number of copies distributed to the subordinate Chapters, to the Grand and Past Grand Officers, and were transmitted to all the Grand Chapters with which we are in communication.

On the fourteenth day of June, 1878, by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, a dispensation was issued to Companions JOHN WESLEY JENKINS, JOHN LUTHER BURCHARD, THOMAS LANGLEY CAROTHERS, and ten other companions, to form and open a Chapter at Ukiah, Mendocino County, to be called *Ukiah* Chapter. The petition for the dispensation, with the accompanying papers required by the Constitution, the Record Book, By-Laws, and returned dispensation, together with the petition for perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted.

*Lakeport* Chapter, the dispensation for which was continued at our last Annual Convocation, has failed to make any report of its doings or other return, as the Constitution plainly requires. The dispensation having therefore expired by limitation, the matter is submitted for the consideration of the Grand Chapter.

Amendments to the By-Laws of several of the subordinate Chapters, relating to changes in the amount of fees, dues, and in the time of holding the stated meetings, and approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest, are herewith submitted for reference to the proper committee.

The proceedings of the last Annual Convocation completed the fifth volume of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, and one hundred volumes thereof have been



bound and are now ready for disposal at two dollars per volume, the price fixed by the Grand Chapter.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Secretary's office for the past year :—

Received from subordinate Chapters for dues to January 31st, 1879.....	\$3524 00
“ “ P. Lohman, on acc't of arrearages to late <i>Forest</i> Chap. No. 10. ....	30 00
“ “ <i>Ukiah</i> Chapter, Dispensation Fee.....	75 00
“ “ “ “ Charter “ .....	50 00
“ “ 15 Diplomas.....	30 00
“ “ Sale of five volumes bound Proceedings.....	10 00
“ “ Dividends from Masonic Hall Association.....	675 00

Making total receipts for the year.....\$4394 00

Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented....\$4394 00

Thirty-two warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer,  
amounting in the aggregate to .....\$2694 04

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Convocation :—

H. T. GRAVES, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of California.*

1878.		DR.	
April 8.	To balance on hand as per last report.....	\$3993 06	
	“ cash received from Grand Secretary.....	4394 00	
		—————	\$8387 06
1878.			CR.
April 10.	By paid delegates in attendance at Annual Conclave, as per pay roll .....		\$1042 30
“ 10.	“ Grand Officers, as per pay roll.....		173 30
“ 19.	“ Grand Guard, voucher No. 1.....		27 25
May 13.	“ Grand Organist, voucher No. 3 .....		25 00
June 24.	“ printing proceedings, voucher No. 7 .....		763 19
July 1.	“ rent of Grand Secretary's Office, voucher No. 9 .....		300 00
Nov. 1.	“ for portrait of P. G. H. P. Henry Hay Knapp, voucher No. 19.....		75 00
Dec. 5.	“ binding 100 vols. proceedings, voucher No. 28 .....		75 00
1879.			
Mar. 21.	“ collars and aprons for officers of the Grand Chapter, voucher No. 28.....		30 00
April 3.	“ jewels for Dep. G. H. P., Gr. Lec. and Gr. Organist, voucher No. 32.....		40 00
“	“ expenses Gr. Sec. Office, as per vouchers Nos. 4, 6, 8, 11, 12, 14, 17, 18, 21, 25, 30 and 31 .....		158 6
“	“ salary of Grand Secretary, as per vouchers Nos. 2, 5, 10, 13, 15, 16, 20, 22, 24, 26, 27 and 29 .....		1200 00
	Total expenses for the year.....		\$3909 64
	Balance cash on hand.....		4477 42
			—————
		\$8387 06	\$8387 06

In addition to the cash on hand as reported above, the Grand Treasurer still holds the nine hundred shares of Masonic Hall stock, as per last report, the par value of which is nine thousand dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted,

HIRAM T. GRAVES,  
Grand Treasurer.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

The Grand Lecturer made a verbal report, from which it appears: That the utmost harmony prevails, and that, notwithstanding the stringency of the times, the Chapters are prosperous throughout the jurisdiction. That the usual number of degrees have been conferred during the year, and that the officers generally have been zealous and faithful. That the duties of the office have been light, comparatively speaking, owing to the fact that thirty-six of the High Priests elected were Past High Priests; and having the work already, the services of the Grand Lecturer were not required. Certificates of qualification were issued to all the High Priests elect.

Companion THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on Correspondence have discharged the duty assigned them, to the best of their ability, and herewith present a review of the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters—being all that have been received during the year; they are as follows:—

CANADA,.....	for.....	1878	MISSISSIPPI,.....	for.....	1878
COLORADO.....	".....	1878	MISSOURI,.....	".....	1878
CONNECTICUT,.....	".....	1878	NEVADA.....	".....	1878
DELAWARE,.....	".....	1878	NEW HAMPSHIRE,.....	".....	1878
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,...	".....	1878	NEW JERSEY,.....	".....	1878
FLORIDA,.....	".....	1878	NEW YORK,.....	".....	1878
GEORGIA,.....	".....	1878	NORTH CAROLINA,.....	".....	1878
ILLINOIS,.....	".....	1878	OHIO,.....	".....	1878
INDIANA,.....	".....	1878	PENNSYLVANIA,.....	".....	1877, 1878
IOWA,.....	".....	1878	RHODE ISLAND,.....	".....	1878
LOUISIANA,.....	".....	1878	TENNESSEE,.....	".....	1878
MAINE,.....	".....	1878	TEXAS,.....	".....	1878
MARYLAND,.....	".....	1878	VERMONT,.....	".....	1878
MICHIGAN,.....	".....	1878	VIRGINIA,.....	".....	1878
MINNESOTA,.....	".....	1878	WISCONSIN,.....	".....	1878

It will be observed that the above list is far from being full. The proceedings of Alabama, Arkansas, Kansas, Kentucky, Massachusetts, Nebraska, Nova Scotia, Oregon, Quebec, South Carolina, and West Virginia, eleven in number, are wanting. This we greatly regret, not only because much valuable information is thus lost to us, but also by reason of apparent forgetfulness of us by those towards whom we are so kindly disposed, and in whose prosperous welfare we are so deeply interested. May we not hope that all the missing links will be quickly supplied; and that in the future no like cause shall exist, whereupon we can hinge the slightest complaint. Confident that such will be the case, and with a mournful shake of the head at sisters Alabama and Arkansas, who for years past have been first upon our list, we commence with

## CANADA.

The twenty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held in the city of Hamilton on the fourteenth day of August, A. D. 1878,—the *M. E.* FRED. J. MENET, Grand Z., presiding, the *R. E.* DANIEL SPRAY being Grand Scribe E. Representatives of sixty-six of the seventy-four subordinate Chapters on the roll of the Grand Chapter were present at the opening, besides a large number of Past Grand Officers, and the Grand Representatives of several Foreign Bodies; the *E.* Comp. HENRY MACPHERSON, Grand Representative of California, being of the number.

The Grand Z. in his Address expresses fervent gratitude to the Great Jehovah for his many mercies, and especially that they were “again permitted to meet together without having to record the loss by death of any of those companions whose presence has for many years lent a charm to our [their] meetings, as well as added wisdom to our [their] deliberations.”

The relations existing between the Grand Chapter of Canada and those of other jurisdictions, are stated to be of the most cordial character. In reviewing them the Grand Z. says: “No vexed or troublesome questions have arisen; no conflict of decisions or legislation has taken place, and naught but harmony and brotherly love prevail.”

The transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapter, as proposed by some of the Grand Chapters of the United States, does not meet with the approval of the Grand Z. After quoting in full the circular of Grand High Priest WALTER, of Mississippi, dated September, 1877, he says:—

“As these degrees are, in this jurisdiction, under the control of a Grand Council, which, from the printed report of its proceedings of 1877, does not appear to regard the arrangement with favor, it is not at all likely that the matter will be brought forward for discussion in this Convocation; but I cannot refrain from expressing my decided opinion that it is very undesirable that the number of degrees conferred by Royal Arch Chapters should be in any way increased. Far preferable, it appears to me, would have been the incorporation of such portions of those degrees as may have an intimate relationship with Royal Arch Masonry, with the work as now established.”

The committee to whom the Address was referred expressed their concurrence, as follows:—

“Your committee agrees with the opinion of the *M. E.* Grand Z. that it is undesirable that the number of degrees conferred by Royal Arch Chapters should be increased.”

Our companions of Canada, unlike those of England, and solely for the purpose of harmonizing theirs with the work of the United States, have adopted into their system and confer the degrees of Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master. Would not the proposed fusion, therefore, operate injuriously to the interests of Royal Arch Masonry on this Continent, and practically *exclude all visitors* from “the other side?” It is well known that no English Royal Arch Mason can now visit the Chapters of the United States, without *first* having conferred upon him the Mark and Most Excellent Masters’ degrees. Is it wise to place new difficulties in the way of Masonic inter-communication between us and all companions who do not owe allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, granting that that Body shall authorize the proposed changes, for without such authorization we hold that none can be effected? It strikes us that this view of the subject is at least worthy of thoughtful consideration before final action is had upon the subject.

Dispensations for four new Chapters were issued during the year, which were perpetuated by charters from the Grand Chapter. Also three dispensations to install as First Principals, (High Priests,) companions who were not “Installed Masters,”—i. e., *actual Past Masters*. We are glad that the Grand Z., contrary to the practice of his predecessors, saw fit to dispense with the provision of the Constitution requiring that First Principals shall have previously presided as Masters of Symbolic

Lodges, and that he recommended its amendment in this respect. In Canada, as with us, doubtless are found many zealous and attentive companions, who have worthily filled most if not all the subordinate positions, and are eminently qualified for the office of High Priest, who have never presided as Masters of Lodges, and perhaps may never have that honor. In this jurisdiction, we know that many of our best High Priests, and even some of our Grand High Priests, were not Actual Past Masters when elected and installed, and yet the interests of neither the Grand Chapter nor its subordinates suffered thereby. Our companions of Canada are on the right track. A notice of amendment to strike out the objectionable and useless provision was given, and a committee on revision to report at the next Annual Communication was appointed, who, we feel assured, will not fail to incorporate the proposed amendment with a recommendation for its adoption.

The assets of the Grand Chapter, as reported, consist of \$4,500, bearing five per cent. interest, in Dominion stock, and \$2,216 66 cash in bank; being a total of \$6,716 66. Five hundred dollars was "donated to the Grand Chapter of Quebec for the purpose of benevolence, or to be applied in such manner as they in their wisdom may determine." Our sister is both generous and prosperous. She has seventy-four subordinates on her roll, with a total membership of 3,334. During the year there were three hundred and thirty-four exaltations, and twenty-six affiliations; the total receipts being \$2,526 70.

A very full and interesting Report on Correspondence from the pen of Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON was presented, in which the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters were reviewed, our own for 1877 being of the number. He quotes liberally and approvingly from the excellent Address of Past Grand High Priest ABELL, and from the Reports of the Committee on Correspondence and the Grand Lecturer, and gives, without comment, the resolutions passed by us relative to the transfer of the Council Degrees to the Chapter. The report is, in our opinion, a model one; being confined to such matters as are of interest to the Craft, and is made solely a medium of information.

The M. E. FRED. J. MENET was re-elected Grand Z., and the R. E. DAVID McLELLAN was elected Grand Scribe E., Comp. SPAY having declined a re-election. We are glad to note, however, that he was elected Grand H., the second in command. The next session of the Grand Chapter (the twenty-second,) will be held in the city of Guelph, Ontario, on the second Wednesday of August, 1879.

#### COLORADO.

The fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Colorado was held in the city of Denver on the nineteenth day of September, A. D. 1878,—the M. E. OREN H. HENRY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ED. C. PARMELEE being Grand Secretary. Representatives from all (7) of the subordinate Chapters were present.

In his Address the Grand High Priest exhorts the companions to lift up their hearts to the Supreme Architect of the Universe "in devout adoration of his glory, and worship of His unspeakable perfections," and congratulates the Grand Chapter that peace and prosperity have prevailed, and that none of its members have been removed by death during the year. He alludes in the most feeling manner to the distress occasioned by the "fever plague" in our sister jurisdictions, and recommended the appointment of a committee to provide funds for the relief of the sufferers. The committee was appointed, and though the sum is not reported, we do not doubt that a liberal amount was contributed; for no Mason could have listened to his thrilling appeal and not give *liberally* of what he possessed.

No dispensations to organize new Chapters were issued, and but one application therefor was made; which, for prudential reasons alone, was refused. The Grand High Priest bears testimony to the zeal and Masonic worth of the petitioners, who were all personally known to him, and to the qualifications and proficiency of the proposed officers; but based his refusal on the fact of there being but one Lodge in

the neighborhood, and only fifty-three Master Masons, including the nine petitioners, from which a Chapter could hope to derive its membership and support. In this connection he says:—

"I firmly believe that, as a general rule, it is injudicious to organize small Chapters in places where there are but few Masons. Such Chapters struggle on under great difficulties, sustained solely by the ardor of a few. The financial burden is great upon these, and they often feel themselves compelled by necessity to take in unsuitable or unworthy members, and yield to that pressure to the detriment of the Order. This should not be. It is an imperative necessity to guard well the outer court of our tabernacle, and never for any motive admit undesirable material into the construction of the second temple. It is better for us to have few strong Chapters than many weak ones. Our experience has demonstrated that the temptation to admit new members, even though undesirable ones, is too strong to be resisted in the case of weak Masonic bodies which are maintaining an arduous struggle for precarious existence."

The following, so grand in thought and beautiful in expression, and which may be read with profit by Royal Arch Masons everywhere, we gladly transcribe. The *M. E. Companion*, after speaking of the condition of the Royal Craft in Colorado as eminently gratifying, and exhorting the companions of the Grand Chapter not to pause in the good work, says:—

"We have already accomplished much, but there is vastly more before us yet to do. Let us, therefore, press onward with untiring zeal, maintaining ever the noble principles of our craft in their purity. These principles rest on eternal foundations of truth. They are more imperishable even than the mighty mountains which lift their snow-clad summits into the blue vault of heaven. The winds and rains may beat upon the ancient rocks and disintegrate them. The lightning bolts may descend, and shatter and furrow the lofty mountain sides; material nature shall change and pass away; but the enduring principles of virtue, morality and truth remain as immutable as the existence of the great 'I Am,' who ordained them, and shall follow us when we pass beyond this earthly sphere, and continue the guide and rule of our being within the eternal Holy of Holies.

"In this world, where good and evil are intermixed, we have nothing but these principles to guide us in our path. They have led mankind along thus far in an even ascending career of civilization and advancement. Without them the highest achievements of science, the most brilliant productions of the human intellect and invention are worthless, and would become the more powerful engines of evil. But, guided by a pure morality, controlled and directed by virtue and truth, every advance in knowledge is a step forward in the path of real progress, which shall lead us at last to that perfection which we are all striving to attain. Mankind is endowed with infinite capabilities of improvement, yet it is only through these principles that such advancement can be reached, and the institutions of our Order devoted to proclaiming these principles and illustrating them in the lives of its members deserve the hearty support of all. Let us then, one and all, with unflagging energy devote ourselves to the perpetuation, spread and development of Royal Arch Masonry, that our lives may be of use to our fellow men, and when we pass into that undiscovered country whence no traveler returns, we may go with a sustaining consciousness of duty well performed to receive the reward reserved for the faithful."

The Committee on Jurisprudence divided upon the question of "the status of members of Chapters whose names are stricken from the rolls of Blue Lodges for non-payment of dues," and submitted two reports: one, to the effect that Royal Arch Masons, to be in good standing in their respective Chapters, must be and continue in good standing in their respective Blue Lodges; and that their status in their Lodges must govern and control their status in their Chapters, on the principle that none but Master Masons in good standing are qualified to become Royal Arch Masons; and to continue in good standing as such, they must continue in good standing as Master Masons. The other, which was submitted by the Chairman and adopted by the Grand Chapter, is embodied in the concluding lines of the report, as follows:—

"While all will agree that expulsion or suspension in the Blue Lodge for a Masonic offense affects the standing of Chapter members, I am of opinion that the standing of a member in his Chapter, whose name is stricken from the rolls of his Lodge for non-payment of dues, ought not to be affected thereby."

This is somewhat in conflict with the decisions of our Grand Chapter; though "striking the name from the rolls of the Lodge for non-payment of dues" is a penalty not recognized by the Grand Lodge of California or practised by its subordinates. Our Lodges *suspend* a brother who, after notice given, fails to pay his dues or to show cause of inability; and that suspension *excludes* him from all the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry until his dues are paid or remitted. In either case, he is by that act reinstated in his Chapter. Perhaps if the Grand Lodge of Colorado were to prohibit the unwise and unmasonic practice of "striking from the roll," all conflict of opinion would cease, and the Grand Chapter would fall into line and be in harmony with us and a majority of the Grand Chapters of the United States upon this subject.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. WILLIAM N. BYERS. It is necessarily quite lengthy, notwithstanding his declaration that "brevity and condensation have been studied more than the preparation of a voluminous report," owing to the fact that two, and in many instances *three* years' proceedings were reviewed, being a total of eighty-four volumes, and forty-one Grand Chapters. He briefly refers to our proceedings for the years 1877 and 1878, and approves the suggestions of Past Grand High Priest ABRELL relative to greater proficiency in one degree, before being advanced to the next. In concluding his report, Comp. BYERS makes some "palpable hits," which, whether intended or not, are worthy of reproduction. He says:—

"Time and circumstance have prevented our doing the work as thoroughly as could be wished. Thousands of good things have doubtless been missed. It was presumed that the Grand Chapter would not care to enter extensively into the republication of other Grand Chapter proceedings, else a ponderous report might have been prepared with far less work. The individual opinions of your committee were not considered important, since they are not makers or expounders of Masonic law, and but few are indulged in. The effort was made to give an idea of the facts from which each companion may draw his own conclusion. The usual interchange of compliments between correspondents is very pleasant, but it looks like the intrusion of personal matters, and costs the Grand Chapters many dollars."

The Grand Chapter of Colorado has but seven subordinate Chapters on her roll, with a total membership of three hundred and ninety-two Royal Arch Masons. There were thirty-six exalted during the year, and thirteen affiliations.

The M. E. EDWARD H. COLLINS was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. ED. C. PARMELEE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Denver, on the 18th day of September, 1879.

#### CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chapter of this State assembled in its eightieth Annual Convocation on the seventh day of May, 1878,—the M. E. HENRY W. COYE, Grand High Priest, presiding, and the R. E. L. A. DICKINSON being Grand Secretary, *pro tem*. Thirty-six subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally confined to matters entirely local; very little of interest to the general reader is touched upon. It is gratifying, however, to learn that "no death of any member of the Grand Chapter has occurred during the past year," that "peace and harmony prevail throughout its borders," and that its relations with other Grand Chapters "continue to be of the most harmonious and friendly nature."

One dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted; also one empowering a Chapter, the charter of which had been destroyed by fire, to continue its work as a Royal Arch Chapter. The former was perpetuated by charter, and a duplicate charter, free of charge, was issued to the latter.

A report was submitted by the R. E. Deputy Grand High Priest, containing a brief abstract of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its session of 1877.

in which he participated as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Connecticut. Of that meeting he says :—

"Although its legislation may not have been of marked importance to the Craft, I cannot but consider this meeting of a body assembled from every part of our widely extended country, and containing within its ranks so many distinguished Masons, all actuated in their interchange of views by a spirit of the most fraternal courtesy and kindness, as calculated to be productive of the greatest good. Companion DAY's song of welcome struck the key-note of the whole convocation.

'In peace that morn together met,  
The palm tree and the pine.'

No question of law or grievance was presented, and as a consequence no report from either committee was submitted.

Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW presents a well written Report on Correspondence, in which are reviewed the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales. California for 1877 is favorably though briefly noticed. Upon the question of transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapter, which in our opinion is one of the most important that has ever been agitated in this country, he says :—

"Were there no present Council organizations, it would, we think, present a far different question ; but with our present organization of forty Grand Councils, their sudden dissolution would bring about a state of confusion and disorder that, we think, would prove injurious both to Capitular and Cryptic Masonry. We believe that at present there is more uniformity in the working of the Council Degrees than in any other branch of Masonry, and can see no good reason for the change."

His reflections upon the dead of the Order are worthy of preservation ; and we trust they will be read with profit, and the admonition wisely improved by all. He says :—

"From almost every jurisdiction comes the sad wail that betoken the dissolution of this earthly tabernacle, and many holding positions of honor and trust have been summoned from us. As we turn the solemn memorial page the thought involuntarily comes, in a short time we shall be with them ; our hand as helpless, our arm as powerless as theirs ; and all that will remain on earth of us will be the remembrance of the good or evil we have done. May it admonish us to wisely and faithfully improve our time, and in the discharge of kind and friendly acts, mutually promote the welfare and happiness of each other."

The number of Chapters on the roll of the Grand Chapter is forty ; exaltations during the year, one hundred and two ; affiliations, nine. Total membership reported, three thousand eight hundred and forty-six.

The M. E. DWIGHT WAUGH was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. J. K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### DELAWARE.

The tenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held in the city of Wilmington on the sixteenth day of January, 1878,—the Deputy Grand High Priest, R. E. PAYNTER FRAME, presiding, the R. E. J. P. ALLMOND being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, M. E. J. F. MYNICH, whose absence was occasioned by severe illness, was read by Comp. H. B. MONTIRE. In one of the opening paragraphs, the Grand High Priest gives the grateful intelligence that no disunion exists, and that the "*working, living* Chapters are in the most harmonious relations with each other." We are sorry to note in the same connection that there are "*non-working, dead Chapters*" in the jurisdiction ; and as there are but six borne upon the registry of the Grand Chapter, a lack of zeal in any can be scarcely less than culpable. May all such heed well the admonitions given, and in the future prove that they are neither "*drones*" nor "*parasites*" in the Capitular hive.

Several irregularities in the workings of the subordinate Chapters were discovered in the visitations made, which were promptly remedied on their attention being called

to them by the Grand High Priest. One in particular is mentioned, which is so decidedly *novel* in kind, that we cannot forbear quoting it in full. First referring to the provision of the Constitution "that the initiation fee be paid, in all cases, before conferring the Mark Master's degree," he says:—

"I learned that the Chapter was accepting promissory notes as cash. I addressed the M. E. High Priest, and called his attention to the law in the case. He replies, 'I have no copy of the Constitution by me. Will look into the matter, and if the Constitution forbids it, of course it shall cease. I visited the Chapter at the next Convocation. I presume the High Priest had looked into the matter, as the books showed that the practice had ceased.'"

The *Italics* in the above are ours; for in view of the "respect and obedience" he had promised in his installation charge to pay "to the General and State Grand Officers," it seemed otherwise impossible for us to express our appreciation of the "cool" indifference manifested toward his superior in office.

Upon the question of "what constituted obedience to a summons," the Grand High Priest decided as follows:—

"That the only way that a summons could be answered was by actual attendance at the Convocation to which the companion had been summoned; that while the companion might ask the High Priest or the Chapter to excuse him, actual presence in the body of the Chapter is the only way whereby a summons can be answered and obeyed."

A Committee on the Revision of the Constitution and the mode of restoration of a member indefinitely suspended were provided for in the resolutions reported by the committee to whom the Address was referred, and which were adopted by the Grand Chapter, as follows:—

"*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that a member indefinitely suspended may be restored to membership at any regular Convocation of the Chapter which suspended him, by a motion which may be adopted by a concurring vote by a ballot of two-thirds of the members present.

"*Resolved*, That a committee of five be appointed by the Grand High Priest, who shall be known as the Committee on Revision of the Constitution, whose duty it shall be to revise the Constitution and report thereon at the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

A series of resolutions were adopted, a mourning page was ordered, and a most touching eulogy was pronounced upon the death of Comp. G. FRANK GOULEY, late Grand Secretary of Missouri. He was a native of Delaware, was personally known to many members of the Grand Chapter, and his personal and intellectual excellence were fully understood and appreciated by them. He was, in very truth, of them. How appropriate, then, the heart-felt tribute to his worth, and the words of sorrow uttered for his loss—for *our* loss. Our warmest sympathies are tendered.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec received cordial recognition.

There was no Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Chapter of Delaware has six subordinate Chapters on her roll, (from which full returns were received,) with a total membership of three hundred and twenty. There were twenty-six exaltations during the year, but no affiliations.

The M. E. A. G. Cox was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. J. P. ALLMOND was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

Special Convocations of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia were held in the city of Washington on the thirteenth and eighteenth days of March, 1878, for the exemplification of work. All the Grand Officers appear to have been present. The several degrees were exemplified by the Grand Lecturer, assisted by the Committee on Work, in a manner to receive the commendation of the Grand High Priest. After a few corrections, the work as exemplified was adopted and ordered to be promulgated as the work of the Grand Chapter.



The Semi-Annual Convocation was held at the place above named on the twelfth day of June, 1878. The Grand Officers, and Representatives from all the subordinate Chapters, were present.

The committee previously appointed, on the death of Comp. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, of Missouri, reported a series of resolutions expressive of their appreciation of him as a man, a Mason, and an officer, and tendering to the family of deceased, and to the Grand Chapter of Missouri, their fraternal and "heartfelt condolence for the great loss they have sustained."

The committee appointed to present to the Grand Chapter of Maryland the old Record Book, containing the history of the formation of that Grand Body, also submitted their report, in which they say:—

"That, accompanied by several officers and members of this Grand Body, your committee visited the Grand Chapter of Maryland at a Special Convocation held at Masonic Temple, in the city of Baltimore, on the thirty-first day of January last, on which occasion they were received with all the honors of Royal Arch Masonry, and were the recipients of a generous hospitality.

"It gives your committee pleasure to report that, after performing the duties assigned them by this Grand Body, the officers and members of the Grand Chapter of Maryland expressed not only their sincere pleasure in receiving from the hands of the daughter the authentic record establishing the date and giving the circumstances attending the birth of the Royal Arch Mother, but also assured your representatives, in terms of unmistakable sincerity, of their desire to continue and cultivate the friendly relations now existing between the two jurisdictions.

"Your committee further report, that as an expression of the good feeling on the part of the companions of Maryland towards this Grand Chapter, they have caused a neat copy of said original record book to be prepared, and have requested your committee to present the same to this Grand Body, which we now do."

Grand Representatives from the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island, Tennessee, and Vermont, were received and accredited.

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The twelfth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia was held in the city of Washington on the eleventh day of December, 1878,—the *M. E.* JOSEPH S. MCCOY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* CHARLES W. HANCOCK being Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest in his Address urges upon his companions to enter upon the discharge of their duties with a "profound acknowledgment to the great I AM for the blessings vouchsafed during the past year," and for "ranks almost unbroken." He announces in fitting terms the decease of Comp. JAMES E. PORTER, Past Grand Principal Sojourner of the Grand Chapter:—"a man of quiet and humane disposition, a devoted husband and an exemplary Mason." Also the decease of Comp. ANDREW JACKSON WHEELER, their Grand Representative near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, who fell at his post "while in the discharge of the duties of humanity and love," a victim to the yellow fever scourge. A mourning page is dedicated to the memory of each.

The only decision reported was in the case of a companion who, many years ago, had been "dropped from membership and his dues remitted." He having applied for restoration, the question arose, whether the remission of the companion's dues "did not operate to restore him as of the date he was dropped." The Grand High Priest "returned the case to the Chapter with the decision that the remission did not restore the companion to membership, and that, as a preliminary therefor, his petition was correct and necessary." With us there is no "dropping from membership" for any cause; we suspend for non-payment of dues, and a payment or the remission of them, at once restores the companion to membership, and to all his rights and privileges. And from the remarks of the *M. E.* Companion, we conclude that the law of his Grand Chapter now is in keeping with ours. "Twenty-two years" ago, however, things were different, and the ruling doubtless correct.

The Committee on Correspondence failed to report. The Chairman, Comp. N. D. LARNER, acknowledges the receipt of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters; ours for 1878 is included in the list. The companion expressed regret that a "press of business and other circumstances" prevented his preparation of the regular report, and says it is the first time in his Masonic life that he was compelled to leave "undone a work that had been imposed upon him by the fraternity." We note his re-appointment as Chairman, and shall expect a full report at the next Annual Convocation.

Among the "Standing Resolutions" of the Grand Chapter, we find the following, viz. :—

*Resolved*, That no Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be permitted, under the charters to be issued to them, to confer the Council degrees therein, and that said degrees shall not, in any manner, be connected with the Chapters.

*Resolved*, That hereafter a petition for a charter for a new Chapter shall not be considered by the Grand Chapter until the Grand Secretary shall be satisfied that the petitioners for the charter have paid all indebtedness to the Chapters to which they belong.

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter disapproves the use of substitutes in conferring any of the degrees of Capitular Masonry, and hereby prohibits its practice in this jurisdiction.

The Grand Chapter has eight constituent Chapters; total membership, one thousand and fifty-two. During the year, fifty-nine were exalted, eight affiliated, six were re-instated, twenty-three withdrew, and fourteen died. Receipts, \$821.00.

The M. E. MATTHEW TRIMBLE was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. CHARLES W. HANCOCK was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### FLORIDA.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Florida was held in the city of Jacksonville on the eighth day of January, 1878,—the M. E. JOHN S. DRAGOS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. DEWITT O. DAWKINS being Grand Secretary. Representatives from six of the fourteen constituent Chapters were present at the opening, together with the Grand Representatives of the Grand Chapters of District of Columbia, Kansas, New York, Nova Scotia, and South Carolina.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief, and confined entirely to matters of local interest. He reports the clearing away of "the clouds of indifference and want of interest which pervaded Royal Arch Masonry in this Grand Jurisdiction at the time of" its last Convocation, and the prevalence of a renewed zeal in the cause, generally. The intelligence and harmony of the Royal Craft was indicated by the fact that no questions of law or grievance were submitted for decision or for executive interference during the year. In fact, no official act, beyond the granting of dispensations to elect officers at other than the times prescribed by the Constitution, are reported.

Two of the honored members of the Grand Chapter are reported deceased since the last Annual Convocation: the M. E. DAVID JONES, Past Grand High Priest, and the R. E. EDMUND P. JORDAN, Past Deputy Grand High Priest. The former is characterized as "a life-long consistent supporter of our fraternity, conscientious in the discharge of his every duty, an upright man, a fond father, a loving husband, a faithful friend; he died as he had lived—a Christian Mason." The latter, as "ever at his post in our Convocations, prompt in the discharge of the duties devolving upon him, a zealous Mason, and a genial companion, he was by all highly esteemed, by all well loved." It is also said of him that, "during the past season when the terrible calamity was making his city desolate, with the same unerring fidelity to his principles of profession, he stood firmly at his post, faithful in the discharge of his duty, until, in the full vigor of his manhood, the dire disease overcame him, and he passed

within the white veil of the sanctuary." A noble man, a true Mason; he was "*faithful unto death*," and is now wearing the "*crowns of life eternal*."

The Grand Chapter again had the question of the status of companions who are members in good standing of chartered Chapters and unite in petitioning for a dispensation for a new Chapter, under consideration, deciding that a dimit was not necessary; but the Grand Secretary is required, on discovery of the double membership, to notify the particular Chapters from which they had not dimitted, "that they are no longer members," etc. This is totally different from the practice which prevails with us, and in our opinion is radically wrong. How much easier and more consistent it would be to require each petitioner to present his dimit at the time he affixes his signature, thus proving his standing and right to petition, beyond doubt or question, and enabling the Grand High Priest to determine *for himself* all those questions which he of right ought to determine, before ordering a dispensation to issue at any time. We believe that our sister will sooner or later, if the discussion continues, be in harmony with us and other jurisdictions, upon this important subject. In no other way can subordinate Chapters be protected in their rights, and the door effectually closed to the impostor and the unworthy.

The Report on Correspondence was, briefly, "that from want of time they (the Committee.) have not been able to digest the proceedings of the different Grand Chapters that have been placed before them." They did, however, recommend the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, which was done by resolution "cordially welcoming her to the sisterhood of Grand Chapters," and the extension of "fraternal greetings."

The M. E. EXOS WASGATE was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. DE WITT C. DAWKINS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### GEORGIA.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its fifty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Macon on the twenty-fourth day of April, 1878,—the M. E. LUTHER J. GLENN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR being Grand Secretary. Thirty-eight of the forty constituent Chapters were represented.

A very appropriate and pleasing Address was read by the Grand High Priest. In speaking of the Royal Craft in his jurisdiction, he says:—

"The companions have dwelt together in peace, love, and unity; there have been no wranglings, no disputes, no strifes, no contentions."

No applications for dispensations to form new Chapters were made during the year, and of course none granted; and but few new members are reported as having been added to the rolls of the subordinate Chapters. "Royal Arch Masonry," he says, "has neither progressed nor receded, so far as numbers are concerned. Nor should this be a cause of lamentation. It is not the *quantity*, but the *quality*, of the membership to which we should look, and which should excite our pride and admiration."

He suggests that the "pruning knife" should continue to be applied in lopping off the "drones and idlers" too often found in Masonic bodies, until none but "live members shall remain"—it being "far better that ten craftsmen only, *be they good and true*, should be engaged in and about the temple, than that it should be filled to overflowing with the idle and unfaithful." In which opinion true Masons everywhere will most heartily concur.

Two questions only, of general importance, were passed upon by the Grand High Priest during the year: the first being to the effect that a Master Mason who had lost a leg could not receive the Chapter degrees; the other, that a companion who, on removing, had dimitted from both Lodge and Chapter, but returned without having deposited his dimits in either Lodge or Chapter, and applied for membership with the bodies from which they issued, was not excluded from membership in the

Chapter by reason of his rejection for affiliation by the Lodge. These are in consonance with the decisions of our Grand Chapter, and, in our opinion, are correct constructions of the law. The rejection, with us, places him in good standing as a Master Mason for six months, and, being in good standing, as such is entitled to the privileges of the Chapter.

He gives a very interesting review of the proceedings of the twenty-third Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, held at Buffalo, in 1877, and quotes liberally from the Address of the General Grand High Priest. One of the quotations, containing words of warning and advice, we cannot forbear transferring to our report, that the Masons of California may see the views of a leading Masonic mind upon the action of the Masons in France, in pulling down one of the Ancient Landmarks of our Order. It is as follows:—

"O, Masons of France! If a few of your misguided leaders have stricken from your Constitution the clause which declares that Masonry is founded on a belief in God and the immortality of the soul, put it back. Restore this *Landmark* of all true Masonry. Remember the blood and carnage of the revolution, when the maddened profane wrote over the doors of your temples of worship '*There is no God—Death is an eternal sleep.*'"

The *M. E.* companion regrets that the General Grand Chapter did not establish a uniform system of work that shall be "the same in Maine as in Georgia—on the shores of the Atlantic as on the slopes of the Pacific"—and characterizes the effort made in that direction, as a "confusion of tongues" in comparison with which "Babel in its prime was a model of order." His disappointment may well be imagined from the following expressive paraphrase: "*I went, I saw, I failed.*"

Comp. SAMUEL LAWRENCE presented a very racy and interesting Report on Correspondence. The proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters and the General Grand Chapter of the United States are reviewed by him, our own for 1877 being favorably and fully commented upon. He characterizes the Address of *M. E.* Comp. ABELL as "very interesting and able," and gives a synopsis in brief of his official acts and recommendations, and quotes in full the feeling tribute which he paid to our late Comps. MARSH and LADLEY. He also quotes from our predecessor, and pronounces his Report on Correspondence "an able and exhaustive" paper.

Number of Royal Arch Masons, 1701; exalted during the year, 27.

The *M. E.* Comp. WILLIAM J. JOHNSON was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### ILLINOIS.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Illinois was held in the city of Chicago on the twenty-fourth day of October, 1878,—the *M. E.* JAMES C. McMURTRY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES H. MILES being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand High Priest contains little of interest to the general reader, being confined to matters of local interest entirely. In his opening, however, are inquiries which Royal Arch Masons everywhere may well consider; and are not inappropriate for us in this our annual re-union, by way of self-examination. He says:—

"Another year has passed. Another step has been taken on the rugged path of life. Let us pause a moment and see if our acts will pass the Grand Overseer's Station in that Celestial Grand Chapter above? Whether we have lived according to the sublime principles taught us in our Ritual? In a word, whether we have done our whole duty as Royal Arch Masons?"

In this jurisdiction it is made the duty of the Grand High Priest to divide the jurisdiction into districts, which he reports having done immediately after the close of the previous session, placing the districts so created, respectively, under the charge of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand C. H., Grand P. S., Grand R. A. C., and the Grand Masters of the Vails; they are styled District

Deputies, and report to the Grand High Priest; through whom, that officer was informed of the condition of the Order throughout the State, and was enabled to make the pleasing announcement that the subordinate Chapters continued in harmonious condition, and that not a single case of grievance had arisen during the year.

The Grand Chapter of Illinois having entered upon the experiment of consolidating the Council with the Chapter degrees, the Grand High Priest reports his action in connection therewith, stating that "soon after the close of the Grand Chapter, last year, I sent to the subordinate Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction the 'joint action' of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter, in the matter of the Royal Master's and Select Master's degrees, as their warrant to confer these degrees." This, to say the least, is an extraordinary "*warrant*" of authority. Nor is the manner in which the companions evade the O. B. to "support the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the U. S." made plain to us; inasmuch as that Constitution expressly limits the degrees to be conferred in a Chapter to the Mark, Past, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch. Far better, in our opinion, would it have been to await the action of the Supreme Head, (as our Grand Chapter has done,) and make the transfer under its legal sanction, without any violation of Masonic integrity, whatever; or, to renounce allegiance to that Body, cancel all O. B.'s concerning it, and open the door wide enough to gratify the most extravagant ambition. We would not be understood as opposed to the transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapter, but we do insist that it shall be *legally* done, or not at all. And should the General Grand Chapter, at its next triennial session, refuse to authorize the proposed transfer, then, rather than pursue the high-handed course of some of our sister jurisdictions, would we favor the abolition of the Council degrees entirely; (unless the possessors of them should *study* and understand them sufficiently well to make the Councils self-sustaining;) and we would incorporate into the *lecture* of the Royal Arch *everything* now taught in Cryptic Masonry that could in the least interest or instruct, or in any manner be construed as belonging or referring to the Capitular degrees. But we have said enough. Time will unravel the web, and will settle the question correctly.

The decease of Comps. GEORGE E. SAULSBURY, Past Grand High Priest, HORACE MAYNARD, and SYLVESTER STEVENS was announced, and mourning pages, inscribed to their memory, were ordered.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. THEODORE T. GURNEY, is both a comprehensive and excellent paper. In it are reviewed the proceedings of thirty-two Grand Chapters, our own for 1878 being included. He quotes liberally from the Address of Past Grand High Priest KNAPP, and pronounces the paragraphs so quoted as opportune and worthy of repetition. He also quotes the decisions of that Grand Officer, but makes no comment.

The action of our Grand Chapter relative to the status of a Chapter Mason who, after expulsion by his Lodge, is restored by the Grand Lodge, does not appear to meet his approbation. We cannot, however, subscribe to the theory he advances—that our relations to Craft-Masonry are either "servile" or a self-imposed anomaly. On the contrary, we believe the Royal Arch to be, as our lectures teach, "the perfection and consummation of the third degree;" and that of *right*, we employ all the "*signs*" as being but parts of *one* entire whole. Indeed, were Capitular Masonry to be divested of all dependence upon or reference to the Symbolic Degrees, very little would remain to entitle it to Masonic consideration. It would strip it of its theocracy and its symbolism, and leave it a skeleton of most frightful mien. *It would no longer be Masonry*; and may the time never come when any shall seriously urge that "the Chapter should abandon" any part of its allusion to, or uses of Craft-Masonry, whether for the purpose of removing "difficulties growing out of discipline," or that of being "left at liberty to exercise the functions of an independent sovereign body."

There are one hundred and sixty-eight Chapters on the registry of the Grand Chapter, with a total membership of ten thousand. Five hundred and twenty-two exaltations are reported for the year, and ninety-seven affiliates.

The *M. E.* JOHN D. HAMILTON was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GILBERT W. BARNARD was elected Grand Secretary.

#### INDIANA.

The thirty-third Annual Convocation of this State assembled at the city of Indianapolis on the twenty-third day of October, 1878,—the *M. E.* SIMEON S. JOHNSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN M. BRAMWELL, being Grand Secretary. Several Past Grand High Priests, a large number of visitors, and the representatives of seventy-seven subordinate Chapters were present and participated in the opening ceremonies.

In his Address the Grand High Priest, first welcoming the companions of the Grand Chapter, most feelingly alludes to the deaths of two Past Grand High Priests since the Convocation of 1877: Comp's HARVEY G. HAZELRIGG and EDEN H. DAVIS. Of the former he says: " \* \* \* \* He served twenty-three and one half years consecutively as Worshipful Master of his Lodge, three years as Grand Master of the Grand Lodge, two years as Grand High Priest, two years as Grand Commander, and for thirty-three years never missed a meeting of the Grand Lodge. Is there another Mason in Indiana [or elsewhere — *Com. Cor.*] with such a record as this?" Of the latter, as having "filled many positions of honor and trust in the several Grand and subordinate bodies." Appropriate resolutions were adopted by the Grand Chapter, and a page in the proceedings was set apart "as a monumental record to the memory" of each.

A long array of questions which had been presented during the year are submitted, together with the rulings thereon; but as most of them were of a local and personal character, we will notice the few only of general interest.

To the inquiry if "any companion can install the High Priest elect, or must it be done by a Past High Priest?" he answered, under a rule of the Grand Chapter, it seems, that any "companion who has been regularly installed either as High Priest, King, or Scribe of a Chapter, and is a member of a regular Chapter, can install." This, so far as it recognizes the power or right to install of the *King* and *Scribe*, differs essentially from both the law and custom as practiced by us; and is in conflict, in our opinion, with the installation charges everywhere used and recognized. It is, perhaps, *convenient* at times to have a rule so liberal in its provisions; but *convenience*, in matters Masonic, is a dangerous pretext, and should never be allowed to usurp or destroy a prerogative which immemorial usage has stamped as universal law.

The following answers will indicate sufficiently plain the questions asked:—

"Duty of High Priest to arrest conferring of degrees while a member of Chapter objects."

"Practice has been allowed to use *one* substitute, but I know of no law or custom permitting the use of *more* than one."

"High Priest could not appoint for the year to an elective office—officers having been elected and refusing to be installed."

"No business can be transacted at a called meeting other than that for which it was called."

"The High Priest of a Chapter has no authority to instruct the Secretary to summon the companions to appear and show cause why they should not be suspended for non-payment of dues."

"Any Royal Arch Mason is eligible to the office of High Priest."

"Dimitted Royal Arch Masons can sign a petition for dispensation." This would imply that a companion, while a member of chartered Chapter, could sign application for dispensation. In California, none but dimitted Royal Arch Masons can petition.

The "*Thirteenth*" question, involving as it does a proposition entirely new in this State, is given in full; together with the answer of the Grand High Priest:—

Thirteenth. "Are rules 55, 56, and 57 for regulation and government of subordinate Chapters (by which Chapters are expressly forbidden to hold their place of meeting in a hall used or occupied for other than *Masonic* purposes) still in force?"

"Is the Order of 'Eastern Star' regarded and recognized as a *Masonic* organization?"

"If not, what would be the duty of a High Priest should a 'Chapter of Eastern Star' hold their meetings in the hall occupied by Royal Arch Chapter No. —?"

Answer. "Rules 55, 56, and 57 for government of subordinate Chapters are in full force."

"The Order called 'Eastern Star' is not regarded or recognized as a *Masonic* organization."

"Should a 'Chapter of Eastern Star' hold their meetings in the hall now occupied by — Chapter, No. —, it would be your duty as High Priest to at once call your Chapter — in special convocation; lay the matter before Chapter that appropriate action might be had. *You can not occupy a hall with any but Masonic organizations. The law is plain.*"

Comment is unnecessary; for no similar question has yet been, or is likely to be, raised in California.

Under the head of "*Yellow Fever*," the Grand High Priest truthfully says:—

" \* \* \* This terrible scourge has swept over many States of the South, striking down our companions everywhere—the good and great, the honored and respected—companions whose names have become known for deeds of charity, and whose memories will be cherished by the Craft everywhere. The record of the heroic dead is standing proof that death came to them 'while on duty.' There was no faltering, no turning front from the enemy, no cowardice; everywhere the Craft met the emergency.

"In coming time the history of the plague of 1878 will read as a tale of fiction. Men will fail to realize the terror, the gloom and desolation of this time, and the historian's pen will fail to portray the horrors of the scourge of this seventy-eighth year of the nineteenth century."

The *M. E.* Companion also presented the Report on Correspondence. The proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters are reviewed, our own for 1878 being of the number. He commends our action in refusing to allow subordinate Chapters to confer the degrees for less than fifty dollars, and, quoting the language of the committee, pronounces it "good sound doctrine, and worthy of all commendation."

In glancing through his report we found, in the review of Arkansas, something that was *strangely familiar* to us—so familiar, in fact, that we can but think the companion got the jurisdictions of California and Arkansas a *little mixed*. In the first place, we are not aware that our sister of Arkansas ever had a Grand Lecturer, or that she has taken any action "prohibiting improper indulgence in the ceremony of the Royal Arch." But we *do know* that our Grand Chapter in 1877 prohibited such "indulgence" in positive and unmistakable terms; and that our Grand Lecturer, in his report of 1878, in commenting upon the "good" resulting from that action, used the *identical language* credited to the Grand Lecturer of Arkansas. That our conclusion of a *mixture of jurisdictions* may not appear unjust, we copy in full the matter referred to, and in behalf of the Grand Lecturer of California, will return thanks for the words of approval given:—

"The Grand Lecturer, in his report, used this language:

"The action of the last Grand Chapter, prohibiting improper indulgence in the ceremony of the Royal Arch, has been productive of great good. The efforts of the High Priests, in that direction, have been seconded by the *appreciative and intelligent of the craft* everywhere. *Persistence on their part* will effectually destroy the *pernicious custom* that has so marred our ceremonies in the past."

"The italics are our own, and we decidedly agree with the companion that if the '*appreciative and intelligent of the craft*' will use persistence, the *remedy* will be found and the *disease* cured."

A very full and interesting "statistical table" is appended to the proceedings, from which we learn that there have been one hundred and seventy-four exaltations during the year, thirteen affiliations, sixty-one deaths, one hundred and thirty-four

dimissions, ninety-two suspensions for non-payment of dues, six suspensions for un-masonic conduct, and eleven expulsions. There are ninety-five Chapters in the jurisdiction, and four thousand five hundred and forty-three Royal Arch Masons—showing a decrease in membership of three hundred and thirty-two as compared with 1877. The Grand High Priest, in referring to this decrease and “the general condition of Royal Arch Masonry,” in his Address, says:—

“The number of members has decreased during the year—much dead timber has been lopped off—less work has been done, fewer members made, and in some Chapters no work has been done; yet this is not at all alarming; the general condition is good, and gets better year by year, and I can safely say that Indiana is second to no other jurisdiction in moral standing and ritualistic knowledge of the Royal Craft.”

The *M. E.* MARTIN H. RICE was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JOHN M. BRAMWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### IOWA.

The Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa held its twenty-fifth Annual Convocation at the city of Marshalltown on the fifteenth day of October, 1878,—the *M. E.* ABEL W. DAUGHERTY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE being Grand Secretary. Several Past Grand Officers were present, and the representatives of forty-five constituent Chapters.

The Grand High Priest in his Address recommends that “our hearts devoutly return thanks to Almighty God” for the general prosperity prevailing in Iowa, as contrasted with other countries and States, as follows:—

“While famine has swept over portions of the eastern country, and the blood of thousands has paid tribute to the dire calamity of war, and portions of our own country have been visited by a terrible pestilence, we are enjoying peace and happiness in the quiet of undisturbed homes and the reaping of rich and bountiful harvests.”

Further on, in referring to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in his jurisdiction, he also says:—

“The year just past has been one of peace and prosperity to our Order. No complaint has come to me, nor a word of reprimand spoken. Though the angel of death has been reaping his harvest in other jurisdictions, he has dealt lightly with the craft in our own State. No death has occurred to claim its memorial page in our printed proceedings.”

Two dispensations for new Chapters were issued during the year, and twelve for election of officers, and to ballot upon the applications of candidates “out of time.”

He informed the Grand Chapter that he had been called upon to make but few decisions, “showing conclusively that the officers elected to preside over the subordinate Chapters are companions well informed in the principles of Masonic law.” The Committee on Jurisprudence reported “approval” of the decisions made, believing them to be “in harmony with Masonic rules, usages, and regulations.” We are denied the privilege of a comparison with our own decisions, however, from the fact that they do not appear in the proceedings; and although direction is given to “see Appendix A,” we were unable to find them or sub-division “A,” the only matter contained in it being the Report on Correspondence.

The Grand High Priest strongly urged a departure from the course so long pursued, respecting the use of substitutes in the ceremony of the Royal Arch, believing “that much good would come to the Order if a judicious use” of them were allowed. The Grand Chapter, however, notwithstanding the recommendation of the committee that “one substitute in exaltations” may be used, refused by a vote of 106 to 101 to adopt it. This is certainly carrying the rule of “*strict construction*” to an injurious extremity, and works a hardship both to the Chapter and to the candidate—to the Chapter in depriving it, oftentimes, of a most zealous and efficient co-worker; and to the candidate in compelling him to wait a year, or two years, perhaps, before he can be exalted to the Royal Arch. In the meantime his interest is gone, his zeal



chilled, and if exalted at all he becomes ever after a *very indifferent* Royal Arch Mason. Our Grand Chapter authorizes the use of *one*, and we have yet to discover any evil resulting from it; *two*, however, can only be used by dispensation of the Grand High Priest.

We are glad to note that the "*modern society*" phrase, "dropped from the roll," meets with no recognition in Iowa. It is not Masonic, and its use should be discontinued by Masons everywhere. The following question was submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence, and being embodied in their answer, we give it in full:—

"In answer to the question, 'What is the standing of a member of a subordinate Chapter dropped from the rolls for non-payment of dues, and what course must he take to regain his membership?' We would say that a little attention to the reading of the Constitution of the Order would obviate the necessity of being troubled with matters of this character. Dropping from the rolls is not the way to reach the evil of a failure to pay dues. A member may be suspended for this cause, following the course marked out in our Constitution and By-Laws, and when suspended, membership may be regained by conforming to the provisions of the same instrument. If the companion is suspended for non-payment of dues, he is, until his membership is restored to him by payment and the vote required, a suspended Royal Arch Mason."

Fraternal recognition was cheerfully accorded to the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

The following recommendation of the Committee on Finance was adopted, viz.:—

"Your committee find that the cost of writing and printing the reports on foreign correspondence for the past two years has cost the Grand Chapter over nine hundred dollars, which we consider, owing to the fact that they are read by so few, a useless waste of the funds of the Grand Chapter. We therefore recommend that hereafter no reports on foreign correspondence be made or published; but that the Grand Representatives of the several jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter be requested to present, at each session, a short and concise report of the doings of the several Grand Chapters which they represent."

This is not a bad idea; in fact, we are rather disposed to give it our hearty approval, since its tendency will be to make the position of Grand Representative a useful one, instead of merely ornamental, as at present; and if all the Grand Chapters were to adopt a similar rule, we can but believe the band of fellowship between them would become more firmly cemented, and the fraternal ties greatly strengthened thereby. The subject is worthy of consideration.

The Grand Chapter of Iowa has tried the experiment of the transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapter; and as a consequence *forty-five* of the representatives of subordinate Chapters received the degrees in *Signet* Chapter, No. 38, under request, by resolution, of the Grand Chapter. That such a course was necessary to be pursued, and such action had, is sufficient, in our opinion, to show the impropriety of the transfer *without* the authority of the General Grand Chapter. It is an illegitimate proceeding until such authorization is given, disguise it as they may, and we should hesitate long before receiving any Royal and Select Master made under such circumstances, for the reason that Chapters, without authority from the Supreme head, have no more right to assume jurisdiction over *them* than they have to assume control over the Red Cross degree, which is also intimately connected, historically, with the Royal Arch. The more we hear and see of this *absorption* principle, the more convinced are we of the wisdom of our own action in the premises—that of leaving it to be determined by the supreme authority, where it belongs; and at the same time saving ourselves the imputation of a *disregard*, to say the least, of sacred O. B's.

A very interesting Report on Correspondence, from the pen of Comp. T. R. ECKANBRACK, was presented, in which were reviewed the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters, ours for the years 1877 and 1878 being of the number. He quotes in full the recommendation of Past Grand High Priest ABELL, that candidates in the Chapters should attain proficiency in the preceding degrees before advancement and characterizes it "a valuable suggestion."

The portion of the Grand Lecturer's Report, relative to improprieties practised in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch, is also quoted, together with the entire report

of the committee on the same, and receives the hearty response of "Amen and Amen." From our proceedings of 1878 he also quotes freely; among other portions he copies in full the conclusions of our committee on the Council question, and as he makes no comments, we are disposed to think that the reasons urged for "making haste slowly" were more *convincing* than gratifying—at least, such is *our* hope.

There are eighty-seven subordinate Chapters on the roll of the Grand Chapter, with a total membership of four thousand two hundred and sixty-one. During the year there were two hundred and ninety-nine exaltations and fifty-three affiliations. Receipts, \$3,244 89.

The *M. E.* ABEL W. DAUGHERTY was re-elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### LOUISIANA.

The thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Louisiana was held at the city of New Orleans on the twelfth day of February, 1878,—the *M. E.* JOSEPH H. DEGRANGE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and mostly confined to matters entirely local. The decision of the General Grand Chapter, that nine *members* are necessary to be present at all *business* meetings of a subordinate Chapter, meets the approval of the Grand High Priest.

The condition of the Order in his jurisdiction is thus referred to:—

"The condition of Capitular Masonry is peaceful, although I must report the number of our members have considerably decreased, a fact that is due altogether to the depressing financial condition of the community. For the rise and progress of Masonry of any jurisdiction fluctuates with the financial condition of the community within which it is implanted. Quietness has reigned supreme, no case of bickering or quarrel has come to my knowledge, and no act performed by any officer or Chapter that required my interposition."

Several special dispensations for the election and installation of officers of subordinate Chapters were granted, and one for the formation of a new Chapter.

Several decisions are reported, but as they apply to local regulations entirely, we can only say that they severally were approved by the Grand Chapter—the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom they were referred, so recommending.

The following, relative to the early history of Royal Arch Masonry in Louisiana, is reproduced as matter of information:—

"The Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana was organized March 1st, 1813. It was a Chamber in the Grand Lodge, whose officers were *ex-officio* the officers of the Grand Chapter. It was declared extinct by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in 1844. Its last convocation was held March 2, 1850, when its Chapters went under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the State of Louisiana, which was organized in 1848, May 1st, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of the *R. E.* JAMES C. BATCHELOR, and occupies one hundred and forty-nine pages of the proceedings. It appears that for three years past no reports have been presented to the Grand Chapter; the present, therefore, involved the necessity of making good the omissions of former years, and in every instance two, and in many the proceedings of three annual convocations are reviewed—ours, for the years 1875, 1876 and 1877, receiving ample and fraternal notice. Liberal extracts from the addresses of the several Grand High Priests, from the reports of the Grand Lecturer, and those of some of the committees are made. Of the Grand Lecturer's report, he says:—

"We are glad to see that he condemns the practice of introducing 'Sons of Maltisms' into the representative journey from Babylon."

The resolutions adopted by our Grand Chapter, relative to the Council degrees, are quoted and referred to; but from the *mode* of reference, we judge that the *R. E.*

Companion is not in favor of Masonic *miscegenation* under any circumstances—particularly when entered into in violation of that *Supreme Law*, to which nearly all the Grand Chapters of the United States have sworn allegiance.

There are twenty-nine subordinate Chapters borne upon the registry of the Grand Chapter, with a total membership of fourteen hundred and twenty-four. There were thirty-two exaltations and twenty-two admitted by affiliation, twenty dismissals and thirty-five deaths during the year.

The *M. E.* WILLIAM ROBSON was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MAINE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Maine assembled in its fifty-third annual convocation, at the city of Portland, on the seventh day of May, 1878,—the *M. E.* A. B. MARSTON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ISA BERRY being Grand Secretary. Forty-one of the forty-two Chapters were represented. A large number of Past Grand High Priests and other Past Grand Officers were present, together with the representatives of sixteen Grand Chapters—the *M. E.* JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Maine, among the number.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is an excellent paper, it being both business-like and practical. In it he says:—

“While the ‘grim tyrant’ has been busy during the past year, gathering alike the ripe and the unripe grain to his garner, the permanent members of this Grand Chapter have happily escaped his sickle, and we gather here to-day with no place made vacant by death.

“For this, and the harmony and peace with which our jurisdiction has been blessed, it was eminently fitting that we should assemble around our sacred altar, and, with sincerely grateful hearts, return our thanks to Him ‘who doeth all things well.’”

His recommendation that the Constitution be amended so as to admit to “permanent membership those Past High Priests who have served faithfully in the subordinate Chapters,” was adopted. This was in pursuance of the amendment adopted by the General Grand Chapter at its last triennial session, which is quoted by him, as follows:—

“Provided, also, that State Grand Chapters may admit to membership therein the Past High Priests of the subordinate Chapters in their respective jurisdictions, so long as they remain members of such Chapters.”

The Constitution of our Grand Chapter has recognized Past High Priests as members since its organization, and is more liberal even than the amendment adopted by the General Grand Chapter, inasmuch as that seems to make membership depend upon their remaining members of the Chapter in which they served; while ours only requires them to be members of some chartered Chapter in the jurisdiction. In other words, if membership in any subordinate Chapter is maintained, a Past High Priest continues to be a member of the Grand Chapter.

One dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted, two to confer degrees “short of the usual time,” and three to elect and install officers at other than the time specified in Constitution.

From the decisions made during the year, we present the following summary:—

1st. A companion who has been elected or appointed to an office, and been installed therein, cannot resign, or become a petitioner for a new Chapter, nor can he dimt during his term of office.

2d. Suspension for non-payment of dues in a Blue Lodge does not effect the standing of a companion in his Chapter.

These decisions are both contrary to the law as declared by us, but if we take into consideration the fact that for non-payment of dues the Grand Lodge of Maine does not suspend from the “rights and benefits,” but from *membership* only, the second may not be so far wrong as it appears. Our Grand Lodge *does* suspend from all the “rights and privileges;” hence, with us, suspension by the Lodge excludes one from everything above.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND, and contains a review of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter, the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and the Grand Chapter of Ireland,—ours for the year 1878 receiving full and fraternal notice. He quotes in full the action of our Grand Chapter with reference to the Council degrees, and comments upon the opinion of Committee on Correspondence for that year, "that the Council degrees are a thing of the past in this State, unless the Chapters take charge of them," as follows:—

"Comp. WIGGIN seems to lose sight of the danger of their carrying down the Chapters; we are much inclined to say that if the Council degrees cannot get along alone, they had better not get along at all."

And to the further opinion of our former chairman, "that the sanction of the General Grand Chapter to a union of the Capitular and Cryptic degrees is not necessary to its consummation," and that "no constitutional provision would be violated by the amalgamation," etc., he says:—

"We do not agree with him, unless he means that the *Chapter* may confer these as 'side degrees'; and if he means that, we are opposed to the conferring of 'side degrees' by any Masonic body; but when the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter declares that the only degrees recognized by it, to be conferred in Chapters, are the four named, others cannot be conferred without violating that provision of the General Grand Constitution."

The above criticism expresses our views exactly; and, coming as it does from one who is conceded to be first among the Masonic jurists of the United States and of the world, we hope that among us, at least, it may serve to check any spirit of rebellion that the consideration of this so-called "*union*" may have engendered.

The Grand Chapter of Maine has forty-two subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of four thousand one hundred and twenty-nine. During the year there were one hundred and thirty-one exaltations, four affiliations and restorations, eighty-one dismissions, one expulsion, and forty-nine deaths.

The M. E. ARLINGTON B. MARSTON was re-elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. IRA BERRY was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MARYLAND.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland was held at the city of Baltimore, on the thirty-first day of January, 1878, for the purpose of receiving the old record book of the Grand Chapter, presented to it by the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, in response to the request contained in the following preamble and resolution, adopted by the Grand Chapter of Maryland, at its Annual Convocation, in November, 1877.

"WHEREAS, it has come to the knowledge of this Grand Chapter, that there has recently been discovered among the archives of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, the original Record Book of a Royal Arch Encampment, held in the city of Washington, in the years 1795 to 1799, which establishes the date of the original organization of this Grand Chapter, and which is the only evidence of that fact known to this Grand Chapter, and having full confidence in the generosity of our Companions of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, therefore be it

*Resolved*, That a committee be appointed to solicit of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, the presentation of the above mentioned Record Book to this Grand Chapter."

The committee appointed by the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia and most of its Grand Officers were present. The Chairman, M. E. ISAAC L. JOHNSON, P. G. H. P., in his remarks accompanying the presentation, after referring to the pleasing relations existing between the two Grand Bodies, which were formerly united, used the following language. We gladly transcribe it, not only on account of its historical value, but also for the portrayal of the exalted influence Royal Arch Masonry has exercised in the jurisdictions referred to. He says:—

"I have taken the liberty of making this brief allusion to the separation that took place in 1867, and to the formation of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia,

because our mission to you on this occasion has reference to the past as well as to the present. It has reference to the time when our venerable Masonic mother came into being—to the time when the pioneers of Royal Arch Masonry in this country met in convention in the city of Baltimore, and on the 24th of June, 1797, organized this Grand Body. Having once been a part of this Grand Body, the Companions under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, take great pleasure in tracing their genealogy, not only to you but with you, back to the period to which I have just referred. We feel that we have a common interest with you in everything that relates to your origin and past history, and while we congratulate you, we also pride ourselves upon the fact that for more than eighty-three years Royal Arch Masonry under the jurisdiction of this Grand Body has maintained her independence from all sectarian and partisan influences, and that to-day, by reason of a strict adherence in the past to the principles of truth and justice, and by an unwavering confidence in our Supreme Grand High Priest, Masonry stands firm against the assaults of political avarice, narrow-minded and selfish bigotry, and the atheistic tendencies of the age."

The *M. E.* JOHN S. TYSON, in behalf of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, in his reply, appropriately says:—

"By this incident I am irresistibly reminded of those three weary S—, whose researches among the ruins of the old Temple resulted so favorably. We feel that you, Companions of the District of Columbia, are of our brethren and kindred, true descendants of those noble Giblemites who wrought so faithfully at the building of our Grand Chapter. We greet you as workmen with important discoveries, and we are led to exclaim, in the language of the chief of those three ancient worthies, who formed our first Grand Council, and held their meetings at Jerusalem: 'this is indeed a most valuable acquisition.'"

The business for which the Special Convocation was assembled being thus accomplished, a unanimous vote of thanks was tendered, and the Grand Chapter was closed in ample form.

The Grand Chapter of Maryland assembled in Annual Convocation in the city of Baltimore on the twelfth day of November, 1878,—the *M. E.* JOHN S. TYSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM A. WENTZ being Grand Secretary. Representatives from all the constituent Chapters were present.

In his Address the Grand High Priest says:—

"For several years past my predecessors have recorded in their respective addresses the demise of some of your officers or members, and the voice of mourning has been mingled with the fraternal greeting of companions in Annual Convocation. "On this occasion I have no such sorrowful tidings to communicate to you.

"Let us render thanks to Divine Providence that during the past year He has permitted our fraternal circle to remain unbroken, and let us gratefully improve the allotted moments that may yet be left to us."

He feelingly refers to the "devastating pestilence" which has so sorely afflicted other jurisdictions, and states the action taken by him and other Grand Officers in forwarding relief to its victims. It is needless to say that the Grand Chapter unanimously approved the responsibility so assumed.

During the year he had visited "all the Chapters in the jurisdiction, with one exception." He reports no lack of zeal among the Craft, although a falling off in the attendance of members; which he attributes more to the want of work than to a lack of interest in the institution.

A "new feature" is noted, which if more commonly practiced among us could not fail to result beneficially. He says:—

"I note, as a new feature in the jurisdiction, the extending of invitations from one Chapter to another; which has been practiced to a considerable extent in this city during the past year. On several of these occasions I was present officially, and was much gratified to witness the large attendance, and to participate in the social enjoyment. It is to be hoped that the practice may continue."

Among the decisions reported, we notice the following with reference to non-payment of dues: That "dropping" is contrary to Masonic law; and that suspension cannot be declared without the "requisites of a Masonic trial,—reasonable and specific notice of the charges, reasonable time and opportunity for defence, and trial *by ballot*."

Another decision, differing materially from the practice in this and other jurisdictions, is reported, as follows:—

"The established practice requires that no *M. E.* Master's Lodge shall be opened, except in the bosom of the Chapter. The Chapter must first be opened and called off, and then, in recess of the Chapter, the Lodge may be opened, and after it shall have been closed, the Chapter must be called on and closed."

We cannot "concur" in this decision; nor do we believe in the doctrine that opening in a higher degree opens all below it. The Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Lodges are *appendant* to the Chapter, and not "within its bosom." Each has opening and closing ceremonies of its own, and are as distinct from the Royal Arch as is possible to conceive. As full and express a power to "*open and hold*" these Lodges is given in the charter under which Chapters are everywhere organized as is given to the Royal Arch. Why the necessity, then, of first opening a Chapter, *calling off*, then opening an *appendant* Lodge, and, after it is closed, *calling the Chapter on again* and then closing it. It is a useless, if not tedious, procedure, to say the least, and if such was the practice with us, we fear the "falling off in attendance" would be greater even than is complained of in Maryland. We, in California, do not recognize or allow any such irregularity as "calling off," either in the Chapter or in the Lodges held under its jurisdiction. We open on the degree in which there is work to do, and after it is done, close; and we claim that *consistency*, law, and usage are with us, and sustain the practice beyond question.

An amendment to the Ritual, which the Grand High Priest regarded as imperative-ly necessary, and making it to correspond with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, was proposed and adopted, viz.: by inserting in the O. B. the clause, "that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America."

The special Convocation of the Grand Chapter, above reviewed by us, is thus referred to:—

"I can not close this account of my official acts, without congratulating you upon the happy events of our Special Grand Convocation of January 31st. By the very great kindness of our companions of the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia, we were on that occasion presented with an ancient record, which establishes the origin of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, at a date much earlier than we had before supposed. But we are not only indebted to them for this valuable document, but also for the very great pleasure they afforded us by their presence on the occasion. I consider myself fortunate in having had the honor of welcoming, on your behalf, as your chief officer, within the guarded precincts of our sanctuary, so many companions from another jurisdiction, distinguished no less by their zeal and fidelity, than by their high official rank. Many of us were no doubt forcibly reminded of the past, when these two tribes of Israel marched under one banner, and dwelt in the same tabernacle."

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. E. T. SCHULTZ, covers one hundred and twelve pages, and is both an interesting and able paper. In it is reviewed the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, ours for 1878 among the number. He combats, in a fraternal manner but with much force, what he is pleased to term the "*heresies*" of our predecessor, particularly in his remarks touching the "ancient landmarks." It is true, that in the jurisdiction of California any Master Mason in good standing may be elected Master, or even Grand Master, without having previously held any office whatever. Such, also, is the rule in the Chapters; and although it may be in conflict with an "*iron clad*" construction of the landmarks, yet, from the general good that has resulted, and is still manifest in every branch of Masonry, we are satisfied to let well enough alone, and be classed, if needs be, as "progression-ists," so far as *some of the old landmarks* are concerned. Comp. SCHULTZ, while declaring his fidelity to the laws and edicts enacted by governing bodies, reserves the right to attack "any regulation that he believes to be in violation of the landmarks or ancient charges." This is his privilege, and we trust he may live long to enjoy it.

From the "recapitulation showing the numerical condition of the several Chapters of this jurisdiction," we learn that there are but twelve Chapters on the roll of the Grand Chapter. During the year there were thirty-six exaltations, five affiliations, four reinstated, forty-four withdrawals, eighteen deaths, seventy-nine suspensions, and three expulsions. Number of Royal Arch Masons returned, eleven hundred and fifty-eight; showing a *decrease* in membership for the year of one hundred and forty-four.

The *M. E.* EDWIN L. PARKER, Jr., was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM A. WENTZ was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MICHIGAN.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Michigan was held in the city of Detroit, on the fifteenth day of January, 1878,—the *M. E.* OLIVER L. SPAULDING, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM P. INNES being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is one of the best we have read. It is terse and business-like, and lucidly presents the matters proper to be considered by the Grand Chapter. We shall use the "scissors" freely in our review of it.

In his opening the Grand High Priest says:—

"Thirty years ago, a Convention of Royal Arch Masons assembled at Jackson, and organized this Grand Chapter.

"There were then in Michigan three Chapters, with a membership of less than eighty. The first Convocation was held in this city, on the 2d day of January, 1850. Few remain of those who participated in those early meetings; but the wisdom of what they then did is attested by our meeting to-day, to legislate for one hundred and two subordinates, with nearly eight thousand members.

"The material growth of our State is the subject of frequent congratulation; but her religious, educational and charitable institutions have kept equal step with her physical progress. Among these institutions, the one you this day represent, in its advance has kept abreast with the most favored of them all.

"To us is confided the duty not only to see to it that Royal Arch Masonry, in this Grand Jurisdiction, receives no harm, but that its affairs be so ordered that it may continue to prosper, and its usefulness be enlarged.

"Let us enter upon the duties of this meeting with the determination to emulate the harmony, and with Divine help, the wisdom of former Convocations.

"I congratulate you that in the year just closing, death has dealt kindly with us, and that there has been little to mar our fraternal relations, while our returns show a gratifying measure of material prosperity."

His decisions are quite numerous, and are mostly in accord with the rulings of our Grand Chapter upon similar subjects, all but one of which were approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and adopted by the Grand Chapter as the law of the jurisdiction. That one was the answer to the fourth question—the Committee holding that a Companion is a member of the Chapter in which he received the Royal Arch Degree, "unless it shall have been conferred at the request of another Chapter; and that the signing of the By-Laws is not a prerequisite to membership." With this qualification it was affirmed. Such is the law also with us.

The questions submitted are all important, and as each is attended with circumstances that are liable to occur among us at any time, and that render a summary difficult, we give them and the answers, entire, believing that the space so occupied cannot be filled more beneficially. They are as follows:—

"First Question. A brother applies for the Chapter degrees, and is elected, but, before receiving a degree, is stopped by objection. He afterwards removes to the territorial jurisdiction of another Chapter; petitions that Chapter, is elected, and receives two degrees, when a member of the former Chapter objects to his advancement. Is he effectually stopped, and is the objector obliged to sustain his objection by charges?

"Answer. The objection in the last instance did not avail to stop him; but he had become the material of the first Chapter in submitting himself to its personal jurisdiction by petition, and no other Chapter could gain jurisdiction over him, no matter what his residence, till this personal jurisdiction was released. Thus far the second Chapter has been acting without authority, and the facts having now come

to the knowledge of the High Priest it is his duty to refrain from conferring the remaining degrees. It is competent for the first Chapter to release its jurisdiction, when the other Chapter can complete its work, notwithstanding the objections of an outside companion. Subsequently anticipating a release of jurisdiction, which, however, was not granted, and the objection being withdrawn, the second Chapter conferred the remaining degrees.

"This gave rise to the three following questions:—

"Second Question. Did the withdrawal of the objection give the second Chapter jurisdiction?

"Answer. No.

"Third Question. Could the second Chapter get jurisdiction without official action of the first?

"Answer. No.

"Fourth Question. Is the brother a R. A. M. in good standing? If so, to which Chapter does he belong?

"Answer. He is a R. A. M., belonging to the Chapter conferring the degrees, if he has signed its By-Laws. If the Chapter violated the law in the premises it does not affect his standing. If, however, he obtained the degrees by fraud, this would be a proper subject for inquiry upon charges and specifications preferred against him, and trial had, as for any other Masonic offense.

"Fifth Question. A Master Mason in good standing applies for the Chapter degrees. Since being made a Mason he has lost one of his legs, below the knee, but has a cork leg, with which he gets about as readily as most people, and continues his business as railroad engineer, without difficulty. Does the loss of his leg disqualify him from receiving the Chapter degrees?

"Answer. Yes. It is true he is a Master Mason, but he could not now be made one. He cannot be made a R. A. M. if there are insuperable objections to his being made a M. M., were he not already one. He is a Craftman, worn out in the service, entitled to all the benefits and honors of the rank to which he has attained, but cannot be advanced to higher duties and responsibilities, when he has become incapacitated for the performance of those duties already imposed upon him.

"Sixth Question. A companion is indefinitely suspended by his Lodge, for non-payment of dues. What notice is necessary to inform his Chapter of his suspension; and if any official notice is necessary, what is his standing meantime?

"Answer. The best notice would be one from the Lodge, under its seal, but any information that makes the High Priest cognizant of the fact is sufficient. His suspension by his Lodge acts to suspend him, from that moment, from the Chapter.

"Seventh Question. At our last regular Convocation a motion was made to donate from our Chapter funds twenty-five dollars (\$25) to a cornet band, to assist them in procuring uniforms, and carried by a vote of twenty-three to two. The question has been raised as to the legality of this donation, as it is claimed the Chapter has no right to donate money to any but a masonic organization. Will you please give us your opinion, and also inform us if the Chapter can hire the band and pay them in advance?

"Answer. I find no warrant for such an application of the funds of the Chapter. They are for masonic purposes and should be sacredly held as such. The Chapter has as much right to donate money to a railroad company, or a horse association, as to the proposed object. It is, of course, competent to pay the band for services rendered in masonic occasions, but I doubt the propriety of paying in advance for possible future services. It is quite time enough to pay when the services have been actually rendered.

"Eighth Question. At the regular Convocation of our Chapter, last evening, a bare quorum being present, a petition for a dimit was presented, by a companion who owes dues for two years. The reason given for asking it, evidently shows it is asked to gratify a private pique, and a foolish one at that. It was voted that when he became clear of the books a dimit be granted. I feel that a fuller expression of the Chapter should be had; I therefore, as High Priest, withhold issuing the certificate till I hear from you. Please advise the proper course to pursue.

"Answer. The action of the Chapter was wrong. It has no right to impose conditions upon its dimit. If the Companion was in arrears for dues, he was in no position to ask for dimit; and the Chapter should have refused it. The practice that has obtained, to some degree, of granting dimit with conditions, is wrong, and ought to be discontinued. The Companion is not obliged to give reason for asking for dimit; but he is not entitled to it unless free from charges, and "clear of the books." His character and life should be such that he is not amenable to charges. If he is, when he applies, even if no charges have been preferred, they should be, at once, and the application for dimit await the result of the trial. In this instance, you will please treat the action of the Chapter as a nullity.

"Ninth Question. A Companion was indefinitely suspended by his Lodge, for non-payment of dues, and has been so treated in the Chapter. He now pays his dues, and claims to be a member in good standing, though no action has been taken by the Lodge. Shall we recognize him in the Chapter?



"Answer. You will recognize no one as a member of your Chapter in good standing, while under suspension in his Lodge. His mere payment of dues is not sufficient to re-instate him. It requires, in addition, affirmative action of his Lodge.

"Tenth Question. If a brother, who is dimitted by his Lodge, and on application for re-admission is refused by the Lodge, is afterwards guilty of unmasonic conduct, can the Chapter of which he is a member prefer charges against him, proceed to trial, and, if he is found guilty, expel him?

"Answer. Yes.

"Eleventh Question. A Companion is indefinitely suspended for unmasonic conduct; afterwards applies for re-instatement and is refused; the High Priest then assumes authority to, and does declare him re-instated; he pays dues, and meets with the Chapter. What is his masonic standing?

"Answer. The High Priest had no authority to restore him, and he is still indefinitely suspended. Until his disability is removed, he has no right in the Chapter. It makes no difference that he has paid dues and been permitted in the Chapter. He gains no more rights by this than would a profane."

One dispensation to form a new Chapter was granted, and two refused; the Grand High Priest correctly holding that "one strong Chapter is better than two weak ones;" and that "there is more danger in too many than in too few Chapters." His further remarks upon the subject are of general application, and are worthy of consideration by Royal Arch Masons everywhere. He says:—

"The tendency of late has been rather to make new than to take care of old Chapters. Companions, in their zeal, have sought Chapters that soon became straitened both in good material and in money. Under such circumstances, the temptation is great, and, I fear, not always resisted, of taking indifferent material to keep out of debt. Such material will ruin a Chapter, and debt is death to Chapters as well as churches.

It was demonstrated, some thousands of years ago, that brick could not be made without straw; and there is excellent authority that men do not gather grapes of thorns, nor figs of thistles. Do no work, unless good work. By all means surrender your charter before running in debt or taking in bad men. Do not let your necessities nor your extremities induce the lowering of the standard of Royal Arch Masonry."

The "right hand of fellowship" was cordially extended to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec, and she was recognized "as a beloved member of the great family of Royal Arch Masons."

The following report on "the action of Mississippi, in assuming possession of the Council Degrees," was adopted, viz. :—

"Your Committee, to whom was referred so much of the Grand High Priest's Address as relates to the action of Mississippi, beg leave to report that they do not find that Cryptic Masonry was ever attached to Capitular Masonry, and that the action of Mississippi, in assuming possession of those degrees, conflicts with the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter.

"We, therefore, cannot approve of their action."

A very exhaustive Report on Correspondence, covering *two hundred and twelve pages* of the proceedings, was presented by Comp. WM. P. INNES, Chairman of that Committee. The doings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters are reviewed; ours for 1877 receiving ample notice, and occupying seven pages of the report. He quotes very extensively from the excellent Address of our M. E. ALEXANDER G. ABELL, and also from the reports of the various Committees—that on Correspondence included. In fact, it is more of a *copy* than a *review*, so far as our proceedings are concerned; and for the compliment thus paid us, we tender the thanks of this Grand Chapter.

In the jurisdiction of Michigan there are one hundred and two subordinate Chapters, with a membership of seven thousand three hundred and eighty-five Royal Arch Masons. During the year there were four hundred and fifteen exaltations, fifty-eight affiliations, one hundred and sixty-eight dismissions, nine suspensions for unmasonic conduct, one hundred and ninety-six for non-payment of dues, twenty-eight re-instatements, and eighty deaths. Total receipts, \$4,552 92.

The M. E. CHARLES J. KRUGER was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WM. P. INNES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MINNESOTA.

The seventeenth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Minnesota was held in the city of St. Paul, on the eighth day of October, 1878,—the *M. E.* RICHARD J. MARVIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* A. T. C. PIERSON being Grand Secretary. The representatives of twenty-two subordinate Chapters and several Past Grand Officers were present.

The Grand High Priest in his Address reports the decease of Past Grand High Priest J. H. McKENNY, as follows :—

"Comp. McKENNY died at his residence in Chatfield, this State, on Thursday morning, May 23d, 1878, aged 65 years and eight months, after a long illness, which he bore patiently and uncomplainingly. He passed from the bosom of his family, whose loving hearts were wrung with anguish, and by his brethren his remains were deposited in the silent tomb, with many a brother's tear to testify to his worth and the affection he had inspired among them."

He characterizes him as self-taught and self-made, and as one who "contributed largely in moulding public opinion in the direction of sound morals, honesty and integrity."

Comp. J. C. BRADEN, Past Grand Master of Minnesota, also died during the year. The Grand Lodge, recognizing his merit and purity of life, "honored his worth and memory in fitting terms and appropriate ceremonies."

The official acts of the Grand High Priest were confined to the granting of a few dispensations for holding elections and for installation of officers, "where, by neglect or inadvertence, the twenty-day limit had expired." No new Chapters were organized. In this connection he says :—

"Indeed, it has been a quiet year with us, and I confess I am unable to report upon the comparative degree of prosperity which I had anticipated one year ago. Still so far as I am acquainted with the present condition of *R. A.* Masonry in this State, there has been on the whole no falling away, but rather some progress, and the institution established on a firmer basis than ever."

No questions of law or practice were submitted of sufficient importance to report to the Grand Chapter, either for "criticism or approval;" but wholesome advice was given, to the effect that the officers of subordinate Chapters should acquaint themselves more fully with the laws, regulations and usages of their own Grand Chapter, and also with the decisions of other Grand Chapters, enabling them thereby to decide promptly and "logically" whatever questions may arise, and escape "the charge of incompetency" that might otherwise attach to them. Study and investigation among the Craft generally are needed in jurisdictions other than Minnesota; the advice is therefore commended as eminently proper.

In reply to the question, "of what practical use is Chapter Masonry?" which the *uninformed* of the Order sometimes ask, he says :—

"Taking my position at the second veil, where the purple is 'formed of a due admixture of blue and scarlet,' I will endeavor to show, as briefly as I can, the importance and great value of Royal Arch Masonry, in conjunction with the preceding and qualifying teachings of the Blue Lodge.

"Like the lodge, we require of our candidates an acknowledgment or recognition of an intelligent and rational Monotheism, with the unity and inter-dependence of the race, as a basis for the superstructure of duty in human conduct. The line of duty, as taught in the lodge, is represented and illustrated by the 'three steps, emblematical of the three principal stages of human life.' To this is added the doctrine of the immortality of the soul, and these comprise the chief points of the excellency of symbolical Masonry. Now we go further, for in the teachings of the *M. E.* and *R. A.* degrees we complete that which the lodge has left unfinished, and furnish additional motives for exemplary conduct drawn from this life and that which is to come. In addition, also, we continue that intellectual and moral development which a human being may make in his progress from the cradle to the grave into the future state, and as a man may be wiser and better in old age than in youth, so he may be wiser, better and happier, and so continue in an increasing ratio throughout the vast cycle of eternity."

The Committee on Grievances report that no business had been brought before them, "and that peace and harmony seem to prevail among Royal Arch Masons throughout this Grand jurisdiction." The Committee on Jurisprudence also report "that no business has been referred to them for consideration." Happy Minnesota.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. A. T. C. PIERSON, in which are reviewed the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters—California for 1878 among the number. Extracts are made from the Address of Past Grand High Priest KNAPP, from the reports of the Grand Lecturer and Committee on Jurisprudence; and appearing without comment, we presume they met the approval of the able Chairman. Numerous quotations are also made from the Report on Correspondence for that year; but as the comments are mostly of the *social* style, at times indulged in, and in which we do not care to take part, we can only make a general reference, and wish the venerable Chairman and his Grand Chapter a continuance of the peace and prosperity at present prevailing.

The following statistics are gathered: Total number of Chapters, thirty-three; exalted during the year, one hundred and fourteen; affiliated, twenty-five; restored, two; withdrawn, twenty-eight; died, thirteen; total membership of the subordinate Chapters, seventeen hundred and fifty-six.

The M. E. EDWARD A. HOTCHKISS was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. A. T. C. PIERSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MISSISSIPPI.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Mississippi was held in the city of Grenada on the fifth day of February, 1878,—the R. E. E. GEORGE DELAR, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. J. L. POWER being Grand Secretary. Representatives from forty-three subordinate Chapters were present.

The R. E. Grand Secretary read the Address of the Grand High Priest. In his opening, he says:—

"An imperative duty prevents my presence with you. The pen must, therefore, coldly trace what the lips would gently and lovingly utter.

"Peace and prosperity have marked our Order during the past year. Not a complaint has been preferred, not a question propounded, not a reprimand uttered. Not a petition has been presented that could not be promptly and properly granted. Not a death has occurred to claim its memorial page in our printed proceedings."

A foot note is given by the Grand Secretary, to the effect that the Grand High Priest had not heard of the death of Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Comp. BENJAMIN SPRINGER.

The transfer of the degrees of "Royal Master" and "Select Master" to the jurisdiction of the several Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and that "all Councils of Royal and Select Masters cease to exist," was formally announced to the Grand Chapter. The edict of the M. H. Grand Master of the Grand Council, prescribing the mode of amalgamation, and "heartily endorsed" by the Grand High Priest, is given in full. The truth of the saying that "*one false step will lead to others*" is wonderfully verified in Order No. 5, wherein *illegality* is proposed in order to remove difficulties necessarily arising from the unhallowed union. We quote as follows:—

"5. In Chapters where there are not a sufficient number of Royal and Select Masters, and when a sufficient number cannot conveniently be assembled from neighboring Chapters to complete the Council, the degrees of Royal and Select Master may be communicated by any competent Companion to a sufficient number of Companions of the Royal Arch, to open a Council, preferably to the officers of the Chapter, if there be any such who have not received these degrees."

The italics are ours, and are thus marked that the Companions of California may understand the "*bogus*" measures resorted to, more fully. In another circular, in answer to the question as to whether Royal Arch Masons can "receive the Council

degrees now, or must they await the approval of the General Grand Chapter of the action of the Grand Chapter and Grand Council," which is also quoted in full in the Address, the *M. J. L.* Grand Master says:—

"I answer that they *can* not only receive the degrees now, but that they *must* do so, and that it is the duty of the High Priest to put all Companions Royal Arch Masons who are not Royal and Select Masters, in possession of the last named degrees at once or as soon as practicable. The mode and manner of conferring these degrees will be in accordance with the joint edict of the *M. J. L.* Grand Master and the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, issued from your office on the 24th of February, ultimo.—[Edict No. 5, as above.—Com.] The General Grand Chapter has nothing whatever to do with the matter, etc., etc."

This, mark you, from a *late* officer of a body previously declared *extinct*. Though the body is dead, the officer lives, apparently.

The Grand Lecturer, while approving the fusion, adds other reasons for its infeasibility. He says: "I am convinced that these degrees will not be worked satisfactorily, except at the expense of the Grand Chapter." Also, that "there are *six* degrees, with a great deal to learn and retain, *which no man can do unless his whole time is devoted to it.*" Again, we italicize to give emphasis to the query,—is it wise to add to the number of Chapter degrees, when the effect is to make it impossible to confer them unless the High Priests shall devote their *entire time* to that work? We think not; and believe that our sister of Mississippi will, for this and other sufficient reasons which experience will make apparent, eventually come to the same conclusion. The Grand Chapter, however, "*recognized the situation,*" and levied "a per capita tax of fifty cents annually upon each Royal Arch Mason under the jurisdiction," to enable the Grand Lecturer to devote his "*whole time,*" we presume, to "giving instructions in *Royal Arch Masonry.*"

One dispensation for a new Chapter, and several to elect officers, were issued, and one Chapter authorized to confer the Royal Arch degree on a worthy M. M. who had lost his left arm. "Previous decisions and your Constitution," says the Grand High Priest, "warranted this; I did it with pleasure, as I have always thought Masonry should regard the brains and morals of a man more than mere physical perfections."

A communication from the Grand Chapter of Quebec, asking recognition and the establishing of "fraternal communication and representation," was responded to by a resolution, which we gladly quote, as showing that our sister still acknowledges, "owes, and yields allegiance to the General Grand Chapter" in *some* things, however much her late action in contravention of its express enactments might otherwise seem to imply. It is as follows:—

"*Resolved*, That while the Grand Chapter of Mississippi hears with pleasure and satisfaction of the formation of other Grand Chapters 'in accordance with the ancient customs, Constitutions, and Land-marks of the Order,' yet it is the sense of this Grand Chapter, that inasmuch as it owes and yields allegiance to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and the Grand Chapter of Quebec is an organization foreign to and separate and distinct from the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the Grand Chapter of Mississippi could not with propriety 'extend fraternal recognition to, and establish fraternal communication and representation' with, the Grand Chapter of Quebec, all such matters being within the exclusive jurisdiction and control of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

It strikes us that the foregoing is something *new* in the line of Grand Chapter recognitions; but then the "*seeking of the new*" is becoming so common now-a-days, and the desire to excel in invention is so alluring, that we are almost prepared to look upon ancient laws, usages, and customs, even in Masonry, as obsolete, and no longer possessing any *binding force* whatever. Witness the following:—

"Comp. J. M. Howay offered the following, which, after being discussed at considerable length, was ordered to be referred to the subordinate Chapters for their consideration before further action by the Grand Chapter:—

"*Resolved*, That a committee of three be appointed to draft a plan organizing the Order of Past Master, for the purpose of conferring the Past Master's Degree on Masters elect of Lodges, and that the committee report to next Convocation of this Grand Chapter."

Comment is unnecessary; yet we are curious to know what the Grand Lodge may think of the proposed action. It may be, however, that that Grand Body with its subordinates is also to be "*transferred to the bosom of the Chapters*," as the Grand and subordinate Councils have been. *Nous verrons*.

No Report on Correspondence was submitted.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi has seventy-three constituent Chapters, with a total membership of nineteen hundred and thirty. During the year eighty-seven were expelled, twenty-five affiliated, and fourteen were reinstated. Total receipts, \$2,785 48.

The M. E. JOHN S. JONES was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MISSOURI.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State convened in the city of St. Louis, on the tenth day of October, 1878,—the M. E. WM. R. STUBBLEFIELD, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN W. LUXE being Grand Secretary. Fifty-three Chapters were duly represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is, in the language of the Committee to whom it was referred, to be commended "for its terseness and straightforward business-like manner of presenting the various subjects therein considered."

In his opening he says:—

"Through the mercy of the Grand High Priest of the Universe, we are again permitted to assemble in our Sacred Tabernacle to take council together, to review the labors of the past year, and to deliberate on the great work before us; and, as 'we are all taught early in our Masonic career, never to engage in any great and important undertaking without first invoking the aid and blessing of Deity,' let us ask Him to bestow His blessing upon us at this time, and be with us and assist us in all our works. And let us also return thanks to Him for all His fatherly care and protection in the past."

He reports the issuing of one dispensation to form a new Chapter, and several special dispensations authorizing removals of Chapters to new halls, for elections of officers in subordinate Chapters, etc.

Many questions were submitted for decision by the Grand High Priest, to several of which, having already been passed upon, he returned the following answer: "Read the Constitution, Rules and Regulations *more*, and you will have fewer questions to ask." Others were disposed of as follows:—

"1. If a companion is *clear* on the books of a Chapter, and asks for a Dimit, it must be granted. No vote is necessary, and no objection can be sustained by the High Priest, unless it will warrant the preferring of charges for gross unmasonic conduct; if so, charges should be made forthwith.

"2. *Question*. Can substitutes be used?

"*Decision*. They can. The Law says *substitutes*, and does not limit any Chapter to a *substitute*. While I do not like it or recommend the practice, such is my construction of the Law.

"*Statement*. At a regular Convocation of — Chapter, I, as High Priest, ordered a summons to be issued to all the members to attend our next meeting. The summons was issued and properly served. The time arrived for the regular Convocation, the roll was called and there appeared to be one absentee. I ordered the Secretary to summon him to be present at next Convocation to show cause why he disobeyed former summons. The summons was served—he appeared. When asked for his excuse, he said he would have obeyed first summons, but he forgot it. A companion moved that the excuse be received. High Priest refused to entertain the motion, because he deemed the excuse insufficient. He then asked my decision.

"3. *Decision*. You should have entertained the motion. As High Priest, you have a right to summon the members at any time, and for any purpose you see fit (but great care should be used in exercising that prerogative). After having ordered a summons and it has been served on a companion, and he knows that on account of sickness or some other equally good cause, he cannot be present, and asks you to excuse him, you have a perfect right to do so. If he makes no such excuse to you, but appears before the Chapter and makes his statements, then these statements become the property of the Chapter, and they (the members of the Chapter) can dispose of

them as they see fit. After making this decision, I ordered the High Priest to entertain the motion."

On the subject of Grand visitations, he says :—

"Like some of my predecessors, I intended to visit all the Chapters in this Grand jurisdiction during my term of office, but like *some* of them, I have been prevented on account of my business engagements. I started out on the 1st of May, fully intending to visit each and every Chapter, and being accompanied by our Right Excellent Grand Lecturer, I had hoped to accomplish a great deal of good. After visiting most of the Chapters on the north side of the Missouri river, I returned home to make arrangements for another month's work on the south side, but finding my business badly interrupted, I was forced to forego that duty and pleasure, in order to earn a livelihood for my family."

During the time mentioned, he visited twenty-four Chapters, finding most of them "in good condition, the officers and members zealous and untiring, although not doing much work." Of the good resulting from visitations by Grand Officers, generally, he says :—

"I am convinced, from my short experience, that Grand visitation is appreciated and expected, and if more generally done by our Grand Officers in all Grand Bodies, much good would result therefrom."

A resolution was adopted, declaring that a Royal Arch Mason from another Grand jurisdiction, who affiliates with any of the constituents of this Grand Chapter, "brings with him, as of right, all the official honors, rights and privileges" that were his in the jurisdiction from which he came; and the same are "fully acknowledged and recognized." This is as it should be; and we believe that if a similar rule was enacted by Grand Bodies generally, and like Masonic courtesy extended to rank everywhere, the good results would soon be manifest in the increased *zeal* of Masons in every branch of the order. The subject is worthy of consideration.

No question of grievance was submitted, and that committee reported "there is nothing at the present session requiring any action on their part."

The Report on Correspondence covers one hundred and thirty-one pages, and is from the pen of Comp. J. W. LUKK. The proceedings of forty-four Grand Chapters and of the General Grand Chapter for 1877 are reviewed—ours for the year 1878 receiving full and fraternal notice. He quotes freely from the Address of Grand High Priest KNAPP, from the reports of committees, and largely from the report of M. E. A. G. ABELL, on the decease of Comp's DOVE and GOULLEY. The Report on Correspondence for that year is extracted from freely, and his comments, though brief, are to the point and interesting. Referring to the dereliction of Secretaries of subordinate Chapters in making returns, an evil which he reports as *decreasing* in Missouri, he says: "They are sublimely indifferent to either pleadings or scoldings of Grand Secretaries." We are glad to say such is not the case with our subordinates. They are generally prompt and zealous, and, unlike many of our sisters, we have no delinquencies to report.

Comp. LUKK does not believe in our custom of publishing the names of members of subordinate Chapters, and in reply to the remarks of our former Chairman upon the subject, says :—

"We do not believe in this expensive way of keeping history of members which should be done by subordinate Chapters. We insist upon it, that information of great importance could be better obtained from an historical register of members, which each Chapter ought to keep, and which would only be accessible to members of the Craft; in addition to which we would suggest the great advantage of a general register being kept by Grand Secretaries, which would not only serve to impart information when desired, but also as a guide in examining annual returns of Chapters, and insuring their correctness."

This is all very well; but we still insist that ours is not only the better plan, but less expensive.

The number of subordinate Chapters in Missouri is eighty-nine, of which fourteen *failed to make returns*. During the year, one hundred and seventy-five were exalted,

forty-six affiliated, one hundred and fifty-five dimitted, and forty died. Total membership, four thousand two hundred and seventeen. Receipts, \$3,748 41.

The *M. E.* NOAH M. GIVAN was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WM. H. MAYO was elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEVADA.

The fifth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada was held at the city of Virginia on the tenth day of June, 1878,—the *M. E.* DEWITT C. MCKENNEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* SAMUEL W. CHUBBUCK being Grand Secretary. A Constitutional representation and several Past High Priests and Past Grand Officers were present.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, though brief, is a well written paper, and contains many excellent hints upon the duties of Masons, which, if followed, would result most beneficially to the Craft everywhere. After making pointed reference to the first great light in Masonry, and exhorting his companions to "take new courage in its promises," and to look beyond life's trials "to the great I AM, and learn, as far as possible, the divine purpose of our creation," he says:—

"The principles of Masonry teach us not to be selfish or narrow-minded, but to 'do good unto all, more especially unto the household of the faithful.' Though the ritualistic forms of our Fraternity are necessary, beautiful and interesting, yet it is our duty, as Masons, to look above and beyond them to the eternal truths and lessons of wisdom and virtue taught by the precepts of our time-honored institution. Too many Masons are dazzled by the beauties of our ritual and never seek to go farther and explore the beautiful fields beyond, which would inspire them with higher conceptions of truth. Truth is an eternal attribute, and is the great aim and object of the institution of Masonry; therefore, it should be the ambition of every true Mason to seek for it, and, as far as possible, attain it. To be 'good and true' is the first lesson taught in our Order, and he who comes short of that is only a Mason in name.

"However humble may be the position of any brother or companion, he may still be useful in the Masonic vineyard, he may whisper good counsel in the ear of an erring brother, he may supplicate a Throne of Divine Grace in behalf of one who has fallen, or he may go on foot, if need be, to the relief of one who is in distress; but the great and paramount duty of every Mason, be he humble or exalted, is to serve with zeal and fidelity the Supreme High Priest, that he may be enabled, at the last day, to present such work as will be accepted by the Overseers, and passed on to the Chief Architect, to become a portion of that 'spiritual building, that house not made with hands, eternal in the Heavens.'"

Of the condition of the Royal Craft in his jurisdiction, he says:—

"It affords me pleasure to report to you that Royal Arch Masonry, in this State, is in a prosperous and healthy condition. The officers and members of the several Chapters appear to be men whose hearts are filled with the spirit of Masonry; at least, they are so harmonious and well skilled in the science, as to be able to settle all their own difficulties, if they have any, and solve all the legal questions which have arisen within the past year. I have not been called upon to settle any difficulties, or expound a solitary legal question."

His official acts during the year were limited to the institution of *Gold Hill* Chapter, which was chartered at the previous session, and the approval of amendments to by-laws of two Chapters.

The Constitution was amended, by which the amount to be paid by subordinate Chapters for each degree conferred was reduced from two dollars and fifty cents to one dollar and a half.

The following are among the resolutions adopted, and are here collated for more convenient reference:—

"*Resolved*, That any companion Royal Arch Mason within this jurisdiction, being suspended or expelled by the constituent Lodge of which he is a member, or which has jurisdiction of his person, or the offense of which he is charged, and being afterwards restored to good standing by the constituent Lodge which tried him, he is thereby restored to good standing as a Royal Arch Mason,—*provided*, that the Chapter of which he is a member, or having jurisdiction of his person, or the offense with which he is charged, has taken no action in the premises.

"*Resolved*, That the subordinate Chapters under our jurisdiction be and they are

hereby recommended not to confer any degree in capitular Masonry until the candidate has become proficient in all the preceding degrees in Masonry, and especially that he be found thoroughly conversant with the first sections of the Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason's degrees, and with all the means of recognition practiced among Master Masons, to be ascertained by a committee, or otherwise.

"*Resolved*, That we hereby enter our solemn protest against the authorization of certain printed books, purporting to be Keys of the Chapter Work, by certain of our sister Grand Chapters, believing, as we do, that the general circulation of such works is an evil full of danger to the best interests of the Royal Craft.

"*Resolved*, That the use of all such books in conferring degrees, or in the examination of visitors, is strictly forbidden within this jurisdiction."

Other resolutions and queries were presented and referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, with instructions to report at the next Grand Convocation.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. JOHN D. HAMMOND, contains an interesting and comprehensive review of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters—our own for 1877 among the number, and concerning which he says:—

"A splendid volume—none better—brings to us the proceedings of the twenty-third Annual Convocation of our neighbor 'down below.' The Royal Craft convened in San Francisco, April 10, 1877, *M. E. ALEX. GURDON ABELL*, Grand High Priest, well known to many in this State, presiding. His Address is a well digested review of the work of the year, together with many valuable suggestions."

He quotes in full the remarks of our *M. E. Companion* on the subject of proficiency in the degrees already received, before advancement to a higher, and in approval says:—

"Good suggestion, that, about examination in the third degree. As a matter of fact, many never learn that lecture because they are not *required* to do so."

The reports of the Grand Lecturer, and of the Special Committee upon the subject of undue levity in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch, are also quoted in full, and supplemented with the following commendatory words:—

"We are glad to note this outspoken position, and heartily commend it to the consideration of companions in our own jurisdiction. Not that we are sinners more than others, but from the fact that the evil is too common everywhere. A little serious thought upon the proprieties of the occasion ought to correct any undue levity or severity. Certainly, Masonic Degrees are not conferred for the amusement of the Craft, rather for the instruction of the novice."

Of the Report on Correspondence for that year, he says: "It appears in the body of the proceedings, which, to our mind, is not so 'handy' as to have it appear in the appendix." We respectfully beg leave to differ in opinion with the companion. That report is from a standing committee—is part and parcel of the proceedings of a Grand Body—and should have its place regularly, in the proceedings, as other reports have theirs. We fail to see any good reason for a "division of matter," or why one report should be printed in an appendix more than another; yet we are willing others shall *segregate* if they think proper.

The Grand Chapter of Nevada has eight constituent Chapters, with a membership of three hundred and ninety-one. Thirty-three were exalted during the year, fourteen affiliated, twenty dimitted, and ten died. Total receipts, \$1,203 00.

The *M. E. PHILIP SELDNER* was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E. JOHN D. HAMMOND* was elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held on the 9th of June, 1879, at Virginia City.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its sixteenth Annual Convocation in the city of Concord, on the fourteenth day of May, 1878,—the *M. E. JOHN J. BELL*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. GEORGE P. CLEAVES* being Grand Secretary. Eighteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest opens with the gratifying information that "peace and harmony" prevail throughout the jurisdiction; that the harsh sound of



discord has nowhere been heard ; and though not blessed with material increase of numbers so much as in former years, yet that Capitular Masonry is strong "in harmony, in peace, in charity to all, first among the brethren, and then toward all mankind."

In the succeeding sentence we are painfully reminded that "the dread summoner" has appeared among them and called hence three worthy members of the Grand Chapter: Comp. JOHN ATHERTON HARRIS, P. G. H. P. and Grand Secretary, which office he had filled since 1873; Comp. JONAS LIVINGSTON, P. G. H. P., and Comp. LEWIS GOODMAN, Past Grand Scribe. Suitable tributes to the merits of each were paid by the Grand High Priest, and mourning pages were ordered to be dedicated to their respective memories by the Grand Chapter. Of Comp. HARRIS, the Grand High Priest, he says:—

"There is perhaps no face at our meetings that will be so universally missed, and few so deeply regretted. In the latter part of his life, destitute of family cares, this institution seemed to absorb that affection which others give to their families, and the labor he did for the Craft was truly a labor of love."

The duty of visiting the constituent Chapters of this State is assigned to the members of the Grand Council; which duty, judging from the reports of those officers, was faithfully performed. The following, as to the manner in which the work is performed, though the reference is to one Chapter only, seems to be the general verdict of the Grand Council, and shows that Capitular Masonry is appreciated as it should be by the Royal Craft of New Hampshire, viz.:—

"The work far excelled anything I have ever seen in this degree, and to say that it was sublime very feebly expresses it."

This with reference to the degree of M. E. M. Of the Royal Arch, another of the Council reports that the work was rendered in a manner worthy of the highest praise. Of one of the subordinates the following is reported, with reference to the use of substitutes:—

"This Chapter never makes use of a substitute in the degree of the Royal Arch, thus acting literally up to its obligation. The propriety of the use of substitutes is one upon which there is some diversity of opinion, in the different Grand jurisdictions of this country, and, although I do not think the present an occasion for the expression of my own views, it is just to say, that, when a Chapter, without requirement from the governing body, adopts and practices the strict interpretation of this part of the ritual, it can but become a subject of commendation."

We have in our jurisdiction one or two Chapters also, which do not make use of substitutes; but we allow their use, under proper restrictions, and great benefit has resulted in sections where material is scarce—their use preventing the admission of questionable material, as might happen, for the sole purpose of *making up a team*.

The only decision reported is the following, viz.:—

"Expulsion or suspension from *Lodge membership* does not necessarily affect the companion's standing in the Chapter.

"Expulsion or suspension *from the rights of Masonry* necessarily deprives him of all standing in the Chapter, as he is no longer a Mason: is *quoad Masonry*, in all its forms and branches, dead."

The first, as we have often had occasion to remark, is contrary to our construction of the law. We regard the symbolic degrees *as the foundation* of the Masonic edifice, and if that *fails*, the whole superstructure necessarily falls with it. We adhere to the doctrine that to receive the degrees of the Royal Arch, the petitioner must be a Master Mason in good standing; and to retain his privileges above, he must continue in standing below. The conclusion is inevitable and just, and any other is fraught with injustice to the bodies from which our only support is derived. We will go further, and say that an indifferent or bad Master Mason should not be recognized anywhere.

One new Chapter was organized by dispensation of the Grand High Priest, and was perpetuated by charter from the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized and cordially welcomed into the sisterhood of Grand Chapters.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. ALBERT S. WAIT, and is a review of the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters and of the General Grand Chapter—ours for 1877 receiving brief but fraternal notice. He quotes but little, and comments less, referring simply to two or three matters of general interest as having been considered, and concludes with the announcement that *M. E. HENRY HAY KNAPP* was re-elected Grand High Priest. This, of course, was an oversight, since in his commencement, under the head of California, he quotes from the opening of *M. E. A. G. ABELL's* Address, and truly names him as the presiding Grand High Priest. We refer to this, not for the purpose of fault-finding, but to insure greater care and precision in the future.

There are twenty subordinate Chapters on the roll of the Grand Chapter, with a present membership of two thousand one hundred and twenty-three. During the year there were sixty-eight exaltations, seven restorations, twenty dimissions, and twenty deaths.

The *M. E.* Grand High Priest and *R. E.* Grand Secretary were both re-elected.

#### NEW JERSEY.

The twenty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey was held in the city of Trenton, on the eleventh day of September, 1878,—the *M. E. MARTIN M. DROHAM*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. THOMAS J. CONSON* being Grand Secretary. Representatives from thirty subordinate Chapters, were present, together with several Past Grand High Priests and the Grand Representatives of twenty-one sister Grand Chapters—the *M. E. EDWARD GOELLER*, Grand Representative of California, among the number.

A most appropriate and pleasing Address was read by the Grand High Priest. In it certain queries are proposed, which, if conscientiously considered, may not be without benefit to the Royal Craft in jurisdictions other than New Jersey. He asks:—

“As Mark Master Masons, have we earned the wages we have received? have we rendered a just return for the many blessings and favors we have enjoyed? have we performed our work in such a manner that it will stand the test of the Grand Overseer's square? or have we so lived as to deserve to be thrown away among the rubbish as worthless stones, unfit for that temple not made with hands, eternal in the heavens?

As Past Masters, has our conduct been such as to convince those with whom we came in contact that to us the burdened heart might pour out its sorrows, to whom distress might prefer its suit, whose hand is guided by justice, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence?

As Most Excellent Masters, have we availed ourselves of all suitable occasions to impart light to those who were in darkness? and has our deportment been such as to maintain that fair and unspotted reputation which should ever distinguish those who have passed through the solemn and impressive ceremonies of this beautiful degree?

As Royal Arch Masons, have we, with gratitude and admiration, remembered the great source from whence all earthly comforts flow? have we continued steadfast and immovable in the discharge of our respective duties? have we endeavored to promote each other's welfare and correct each other's failing, by advice, admonition and reproof? have we, as Masons, been mindful of our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves? for from these duties flow other and subservient ones, like gentle streams with silvery hue, brightly meandering amid the rough courses of life, cheering and refreshing the weary wayfarer as he toils on in his eventful pilgrimage, so-lacing his cares and inciting the music of his soul to beat in harmony with their rippling waters.”

He says it was his intention to have visited all the Chapters in the jurisdiction, but only “had the pleasure of visiting about two-thirds of them.” This is certainly a great improvement on the expressed intentions of most Grand High Priests.

Under the head of recommendations, the Grand High Priest has the following, which we gladly transcribe, as showing that California is not alone in her expressions of disapproval of the *improprieties* indulged in at times in the ceremonies of

the Royal Arch, and which on another occasion we referred to as "frowned upon by intelligent Masons everywhere." He says:—

"I would further recommend, at this time, as I have always done, when visiting the different Chapters, that all frivolity and nonsense be left out in doing the work, and that it be done in an orderly and impressive manner, and particularly to discountenance that senseless, not to say inhuman, practice which so mars the beauty and sublimity of the Royal Arch degree. Our standard work does not teach it, decency forbids it, cultivated tastes abhor it, and, to gentlemen, it is disgusting. The candidate expects to be exalted to the sublime—let him not be degraded to the ridiculous—and, as one has beautifully expressed it, in teaching the lesson of humility, the candidate should never be reduced to the reptile's vile crawling; to stoop low, it is not necessary to degrade. Every High Priest of a Chapter should be careful and rebuke every attempt to trifle with a candidate."

He further recommends that unaffiliated Royal Arch Masons be not allowed to visit a Chapter more than once, as an unaffiliate; for the reason that many are induced to join the Chapter "simply as a stepping-stone to other degrees in Masonry," and so soon as their object is attained, sever all connection with it. We concur in the opinion that Companions, so believing and acting, should not be allowed any of the privileges of Royal Arch Masonry; for we, like him, "have too much respect for Royal Arch Masonry to allow it to be considered as merely a door of entrance for other degrees."

He also recommends that "candidates give the lectures of each degree, in open Chapter, previous to receiving the following one."

A great many questions were submitted to the Grand High Priest for his decision, but in all cases except one he referred the companions "to the General Regulations and Digest of Decisions of this Grand Chapter, for an answer." The exception was decided as follows:—

"When a Chapter located in a township makes application to one of a number of city Chapters holding concurrent jurisdiction, for permission to receive and act upon the petition of a brother residing in such city, and said Chapter refuses to grant permission, its action is final, and the township Chapter has no right to apply for such permission to either of the remaining city Chapters."

He represents the general condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the jurisdiction as encouraging, notwithstanding the "depression of the times," and an evident "lack of interest on the part of some of the companions, and a disposition not to attend their Chapters." This lack of interest he thought could be traced, in many instances, to the officers themselves, "who seemed to think that all that was required of them was simply to exemplify the several degrees, preserve order, and give prompt decisions on points of law." Continuing, he says:—

"This is not so; if the High Priest of a Chapter would do good to those around him, he must know the tenets and principles of Masonry; he must look beyond the forms and ceremonies, and strive to understand the mysteries they veil, and make the knowledge thus acquired apparent in his own deportment, so that his companions may be led to seek for themselves the great truths that bear such precious fruits; he must be able to lead them in paths they have not known, make darkness light before them, and crooked things straight."

In this connection much more is said that would "prove of benefit to the Craft," if attentively considered, and which we would like to copy; but time and space forbid. We therefore reluctantly leave it, but with the hope that the extract given may not be wholly barren in good results.

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King and Grand Scribe apparently constitute a Grand Committee of Visitation, whose duty it is to visit the several Chapters of the jurisdiction, and to report upon the working and financial condition of each. The duty was discharged faithfully; every Chapter except one, we believe, was visited by them, and full reports, showing the interest awakened, the errors and irregularities corrected, and the general results of this system of inspection are given in the proceedings. Would it not be well to give to the same officers of our jurisdiction a similar duty to perform?

Amendments to the Constitution were adopted, making all Past High Priests of warranted Chapters members of the Grand Chapter. Also, that "an election and installation in the first four elective offices of the Grand Chapter, and an election and installation in the first office of a subordinate Chapter, shall constitute companions so elected and installed, life members of the Grand Chapter." This provision also includes companions who have been so elected and installed in other jurisdictions, "who affiliate in membership with a subordinate Chapter of this jurisdiction, during such full membership."

A proposition to the effect that suspension in a Blue Lodge for non-payment of dues "shall not act as a suspension in the Chapter," was presented and referred to the Committee on Constitutions. We commend the report of the committee, not only on account of its correctness, but also for the forcible manner in which the decision is rendered. The committee say :—

"This is a subject that does not require any consideration, because the subject matter of the resolution is totally at variance with the principles of Masonry, the usage of the Fraternity, and all good policy. It is impossible to make "suspension" a qualified sentence. If suspension means anything, it means suspension from membership and all the rights of Masonry—during the term of said sentence.

The committee recommends that the Grand Chapter once for all stamp with its unequivocal rejection any attempt to establish so monstrous a doctrine."

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Comp. THOMAS J. CONSON, and is a thorough review of the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters—among the number being California for 1878. He compliments our Grand Secretary on his manner of putting up proceedings for transmission by mail, as follows :—

"It is a positive comfort to receive such a neat package as that which contained the proceedings of this Grand Chapter. They had been carefully put up in a wrapper of thick paper, and securely fastened by a strong string, so that the books reached us just as fresh and sweet as when they left San Francisco. Let other Grand Secretaries take heed, and prepare their packages so that the recipient may not be tempted into profanity by the sight of torn wrappers and mutilated books."

Accept thanks, Companion, especially for the suggestion made. We, too, have been sorely "tempted."

Comp. CONSON quotes briefly from the Address of Past Grand High Priest KNAPP, mentions the balance in our treasury, and refers to the legislation had as "of local interest only." He then joins issue with the rule in force in this jurisdiction, which requires companions to pay dues while under suspension for non-payment, as follows :—

"To our mind, this is grossly unjust. The man is suspended—temporarily dead—from 'all the rights and privileges of Masonry,' and yet is required to bear its burdens. Why should he pay? During suspension he is debarred from receiving anything, and it is unjust and dishonest to require him to contribute anything. If he is out of the Lodge or Chapter, even for a definite time, the Lodge or Chapter, during that time, certainly has no claim on him. How can you require a man to pay dues to a Masonic body of which he is not a member? And certainly he is not a member during suspension. His membership has been taken away for a certain time, and he is, for that time, to all intents and purposes, dead. Would you expect a corpse to pay its own funeral expenses? This is "crowding the mourners" rather sharply."

The above, we admit, is well and forcibly said; but our faith in the justice of our law is still firm and unshaken. Perhaps New Jersey has no drones in the hive of Masonry, and therefore cannot appreciate the "situation," as we of California do, and to obviate which the provision in question was adopted. We do not believe that the non-contributor to the store, shall, after years of *idle indifference*, be permitted to step in and consume that which the *workers*, by long-continued industry, have accumulated. The poor and unfortunate are never suspended, if known to be such—consequently the law works them no injury; but it does apply to those who for years have ignored Masonic obligations and duties, and even denied that they were Masons, until sickness or misfortune reminds them that Masonry is a pretty good thing, after all, to fall back upon. It was for their *benefit* alone that the rule was made. For

years, though abundantly able, they did nothing. *They are not Masons*, except when personal interest prompts. Away with all such; we have no use for them, except they make amends for their *laches* and bad faith in the manner provided by our law.

The remaining portion of the report is in the nature of a "social chat" with our predecessor; but, for reasons which will readily suggest themselves to the members of this Grand Body, we cannot appropriately notice. Comp. CONSON, however, will accept thanks for the cordial greeting given to your present Chairman.

The Grand Chapter of New Jersey has thirty-five subordinate Chapters upon its roll, with a membership of two thousand eight hundred and eighteen. There were one hundred and three exaltations, twenty affiliations, fifty-nine withdrawals, sixty-three suspensions and thirty-six deaths during the year. Dues paid in, \$1,445 50.

The M. E. GEORGE H. JONES was elected Grand High Priest and R. E. THOMAS J. CONSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW YORK.

The eighty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of New York was held in the city of Albany, on the fifth day of February, 1878,—the M. E. GEORGE VAN VLEET, Grand High Priest, presiding,—the R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX being Grand Secretary. The Representatives of one hundred and eighty-eight subordinate Chapters were present; also ten Past Grand High Priests and the Grand Representatives of twenty sister Grand Chapters—the M. E. JOHN L. LEWIS, Grand Representative of California, among the number.

The Grand High Priest delivered a most excellent Address, in which are proposed the following queries, which are not inappropriate to this and to other jurisdictions. He asks:—

"Have we, as Royal Arch Masons, profited by the lessons which the seasons have taught? That the bud, which in the spring puts forth its appearance, is nurtured by the summer heat until its strength and usefulness are fully developed, so that the autumn may gather and utilize its blessings before the winter, with its icy hand, can blot it out of existence, leaving nothing but fond recollections?"

"Have we, as Royal Arch Masons, treasured and matured the first lessons we were taught on tiled floors, so that they now stand forth as living evidences that the impression was indelibly made, and that their influence is felt by those with whom we are brought in contact?"

"Have we, by the aid of the additional refulgence which we saw and admired in the Chapter, been enabled like *workmen in the quarries*, to more fully discharge our duties to God, our neighbor and ourselves, so that in the autumn of our lives our work may be ready for inspection, and receive the approval of the *Grand Overseer's square*? Then, when the icy messenger, Death, discharges us from further duties, we will leave in fond remembrance the *title of a workman that needeth not to be ashamed*."

Of the necessity of guarding well the "outer courts of the tabernacle," he says:—

"Many of you, I doubt not, can recall instances where material of inferior quality has found its way into our midst, in order to satisfy the rapacious ambition of rivalry—where one unworthy block, whose irregularities may have been overlooked at the time of its reception, or accepted with the hope that the fitness of *all* the other *square stones* would keep this one in its place, after no great lapse of time, even before the structure was near completion, yet too far advanced to correct the error thus thoughtlessly made, seen destruction threaten that edifice whose foundation was laid with such favorable prospects—causing indifference on the part of the builders as to whether it reached its promised proportions or not. This indifference, companions, is one of the chief dangers to the stability and honor of our Craft."

He then refers to the pressure in monetary affairs, so keenly felt in all business circles, and concludes that many of the Chapters will feel the pressure as well, and that such pressure might "be a temptation to admit of such work as would not meet with the Overseer's approval." To such Chapters, he says:—

"Be of good cheer; accept of no work unless it be *good and true work*; then, although your magnificent and compact structure may not rise with fairy-like speed, 'till it will stand 'until time shall be no more.' The good material which is now withheld because of the times, will eventually come forth purified, present itself for inspection, add strength to our strength, and assist in advancing to completion the *already solid walls*."

A large number of dispensations for elections of officers, and installation of the same, in Chapters failing to elect at, and to install within the time prescribed by the Constitution and laws, were granted; but none for the formation of new Chapters—concerning which the Grand High Priest says:—

“During the past year, not a single petition has been received for the formation of a new Chapter. This, under present circumstances, I deem cause for congratulation, showing an evident desire on the part of the companions to build up and strengthen the Chapters already in existence, rather than to weaken them by leaving their ranks and exerting their influence in favor of a newly-created body.”

Many questions were submitted during the year, which in most instances were answered by directing attention “to the Constitution, or some action of the Grand Chapter subsequent to the adoption of said Constitution.” Only two or three, therefore, are reported—one of which was to the effect, that an assessment levied upon a companion by his Chapter, cannot be counted as *dues*, for the non-payment of which he may be suspended. We specially refer to this decision, for the reason that the levying of *assessments*, and the right to levy them, have been frequent subjects of discussion in our jurisdiction for some years past. We would go further, even, than the *M. E.* Companion does, and hold that subordinate Chapters have no right to levy assessments, *as such*, of any kind. Dues are chargeable to every member, and ample means for enforcing payment provided. Voluntary contributions may also be called for, in order to meet existing necessities; but to levy an *assessment*, which is in the nature of an *enforced contribution*, is something unknown in Masonry, and its payment must depend wholly upon the willingness or unwillingness of the member to pay. A few members of a Chapter may contribute liberally in furtherance of some worthy object had in view, and be very anxious that *all* shall; but to say that others *must* contribute, whether willing or not, or whether *able* or not, is arbitrary, unjust, and eminently unmasonic.

The death of the *R. E.* JOHN ORTON COLE, who for forty-two years was Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New York, was feelingly alluded to by the Grand High Priest. The Special Committee, to whom the subject of his decease was referred, in their report gave quite an interesting outline of his personal and Masonic history; the whole being summed up in the following resolution, appended to the report, viz:—

“Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of New York, lamenting the death of *R. E.* JOHN ORTON COLE, for forty-two years its Grand Secretary, in common with the whole Masonic Fraternity, with which he was for a life-time identified; with the christian church, of which he was a devoted member; with the friends of education, the interests of which he so greatly advanced as a faithful school officer; with the military and social organizations, with which he was so closely connected, and by whom he was justly esteemed and honored; and with his fellow citizens of Albany, to whom he was endeared, and whom he had long served with so much stern, fearless, and unswerving fidelity as a police magistrate—hereby expresses its feelings of sorrow at his decease; its respect and admiration for him as a man; its high commendation of his faithful discharge of every official trust; its warm appreciation of those qualities of heart and mind which enabled him to be an untiring laborer in every cause of education and benevolence, and its admiration of his high character in his social and domestic relations; and therefore directs that a page of the Annual Transactions, suitably inscribed, be set apart as a memorial.”

The Deputy Grand High Priest, in his report, says:—

“I have issued no dispensation. No dispensation, for any purpose whatever, has been asked at my hands. I have decided no controversy which has arisen among Chapters or companions. No such controversy has been called to my notice. I have rendered no decision upon any question of Masonic jurisprudence, of sufficient importance or interest to be reported.”

Again, upon the condition of the Order, he says:—

“I desire to tender you my congratulations upon the condition of Royal Arch Masonry within our jurisdiction, so far as the same has fallen under my observation. While it is true that the number of Chapters of this State, during the last twelve months, has not increased, and while applicants for admission to our ranks have not,

as in former years, thronged at our portals, there is abundant reason for believing that the health of the institution within this State has never been better. In our tabernacles every element of discord (if any there may be) is silent, and brotherly love and kindness alone prevail. The fact is again demonstrated that when our ranks are being largely reinforced, the best attention cannot be given to the performance of that pre-eminent duty of strengthening and making more bright the chain of friendship by which we are united. To this important work I am persuaded, that officers and companions, to a more than usual degree, have addressed themselves during the closing year."

The Grand Chapter of New York pays to each officer and permanent member in attendance "the regular fare charged by the most direct public conveyance to and from his residence, and five dollars per day for travel and attendance, allowing not more than one day each way for going and returning." One representative from each subordinate Chapter in the jurisdiction receives the same pay and per diem, provided the dues of the Chapter he represents are fully paid.

The Report on Correspondence, from the pen of Comp. DARIUS A. OGDEN, is both able and interesting. The proceedings of forty-two Grand Chapters, and the General Grand Chapter of the United States, are reviewed; California, for 1877, receiving brief, but fraternal notice. He pays the following well-merited compliment to the Address of our M. E. Grand High Priest, viz.:-

"The Annual Address of M. E. Comp. ABELL is a well written document, giving a full resume of the official proceedings of his administration and conduct, and representing the Royal Craft as in a prosperous condition throughout the jurisdiction."

He questions the correctness of the decision "that when an elected High Priest refused or neglected to be installed, the old High Priest remained in office till his successor was elected and qualified," as follows:-

"Unless this is expressly declared by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of California, it does not seem to us sound practice. The office of High Priest would expire with the year for which he was elected, and the King would take his place in case the companion elected neglected or declined to be installed. Such is expressly declared to be his duty at every opening of a Chapter, and how it could be held that the hold-over law applied we cannot see, unless it is an express statutory provision, and then could such a statute be made? We don't believe it has been."

For the satisfaction of the companion, and to cure his "unbelief," we will state that we have just such a law, and that the decision could not have been otherwise and be correct. Section 1 of Article XVI. of the Constitution of our Grand Chapter, after naming the elective officers of a Chapter, and specifying the manner and time of their election, goes on to say that they "shall be installed as soon thereafter as practicable, and shall hold their respective offices *until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed.*" So much for the law.

To the proposition of Comp. OGDEN, that the "King would take his place in case the companion elected neglected or declined to be installed," and that "such is expressly declared to be his duty at every opening of a Chapter," we have this to say: Such is not our understanding of the opening response of the King, nor of the charge delivered to him at installation; and that unless the law is as declared by M. E. Comp. ABELL, whether there is an express Constitutional provision for it or not, both the response and the charge are *meaningless*, to say the least. The language of the first is, "in the *absence* of the *High Priest*, preside," etc.; and of the second, "should casualties at any time *prevent his attendance*, you are to succeed him in his duties." Now if there is no High Priest at all, how can *he* be absent, or in what manner can casualties prevent *his attendance*; and except in case of *absence of that officer*, what authority has the King to act in *his stead*? The law, as interpreted by Past Grand High Priest ABELL, is right, regardless of our Constitution, and should be the law everywhere. Masonry abhors a vacancy in a presiding office as much as nature abhors a vacuum, and to prevent such vacancy, wisely recognizes the "*hold-over law*," especially in cases like the one above stated. The King, as we

think we have conclusively shown, has no authority to act except in the absence of his regularly installed superior officer; and the law, as we construe it, provides that superior officer, in whose *absence* the King may legally conduct the business of the Chapter—in other words, may “take the place” of the High Priest.

There are one hundred and ninety-one subordinate Chapters on the roll of the Grand Chapter of New York, with a total membership of seventeen thousand six hundred and forty-two Royal Arch Masons. Seven hundred and thirty-three were exalted during the year, seventy-seven affiliated, eighty-six were restored, three hundred and fourteen dismissed, eleven hundred and eighty-eight were suspended for non-payment of dues, ten were expelled, and two hundred and fifteen died. Total receipts, \$11,531 70. Amount paid officers and representatives, \$8,943 78.

The *M. E.* DAVID F. DAY was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* CHRISTOPHER G. FOX was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Royal Arch Chapter of this State held its thirtieth Annual Convocation in the town of Winston, on the fourth day of June, 1878,—the *M. E.* CHARLES W. ALEXANDER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* DONALD W. BAIN being Grand Secretary. Representatives from thirteen of the twenty constituent Chapters were present.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is chiefly devoted to matters of local interest. From it we learn that Capitular Masonry in the “old North State” is not so prosperous as it should be; yet the gratifying assurance is given that “peace, harmony, and good feeling” prevail throughout the jurisdiction. The *M. E.* Companion says:—

“While Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction has, for several years apparently, been at a standstill, while no new chapters are being organized, and some of those already in existence almost yielding to the pressure of the times, yet there is much for which we should feel profoundly grateful. The Great Ruler of the universe has blessed us with health and plenty. Peace has reigned supreme throughout the State, and the utmost harmony prevails everywhere among the Royal Craft. For all these blessings let thankgivings continually ascend to Him who doeth all things well.”

As stated, no dispensation for a new Chapter was granted; but special dispensations, to elect and install officers, were granted to ten Chapters. That, of itself, is a sad commentary, and speaks but poorly for the Masonic zeal of the companions. This evident want of interest fully accounts for the fact that but twenty Chapters are to-day in existence in the entire jurisdiction; that the altar fires of twenty-eight out of the forty-eight original Chapters have become so thoroughly extinguished that not one vital spark remains with which to effect a rekindling. May the good time alluded to by the Grand High Priest in the following be speedily realized by our good sister. He says:—

“It is to be hoped that, as the country emerges from the gloom and darkness that have surrounded her for the past few years, Capitular Masonry too, in this State, will arise and shine as in better days. The institution, from the earliest history of the country, has always kept pace with civilization, and in fact has been the forerunner of civilization in all countries of which we have a history.”

The recommendation to so amend the Constitution as to make Past High Priests, “while in good standing in their respective Chapters,” permanent members of the Grand Chapter, was reported upon adversely by the Committee, and the report adopted, as follows:—

\* \* \* “That, while we see nothing in the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter which prohibits such a course, yet we doubt the propriety of increasing the membership of this Grand Body by such an amendment, and, therefore, beg to be discharged from the further consideration of the subject.”

The resolution of 1874, discontinuing the appointment of Representatives near other Grand Chapters, was repealed; which re-establishes the system of representation between the Grand Chapter of North Carolina and other Grand Chapters.



A singular system of revenue seems to prevail in the Grand Chapter of North Carolina, judging from the report of the Committee on Returns—the taxing of each subordinate Chapter fifteen dollars per annum, regardless of the number of members it may have. Hence a Chapter of but twelve members is required to pay as much as one of a hundred, or more, members. Is not this an injustice to the feebleness of bodies? Would not a *per capita* tax yield a greater revenue, be less objectionable, and make the burden of support more equal? And is it not an unwise as well as unjust discrimination in favor of the rich and powerful, and against the poor and weak Chapters? We certainly think it is; and it may be that the prevailing lukewarmness among the Royal Arch Masons of the jurisdiction is more directly traceable to this, than to any other cause. We kindly commend the consideration of this subject to our sister, believing that a departure from the present rule will result in more good to the Royal Craft in her jurisdiction, than aught else that could be done, and enable them, if freed from this “Babylon,” to realize to the fullest extent the closing words of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, viz.:—

“As the children of Israel were inspired with new zeal as they beheld the domes and spires of Babylon glistening in the sunlight behind; thence as they retired over the hills and plains of Chaldea, after a long and tedious journey through the desert of Arabia, so let us with steady purpose, pursue our avocation with the same zeal and devotion, until we shall have attained the summit of that destiny which awaits God’s chosen people.”

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. JAMES SOUTHGATE, who reviews the proceedings of forty Grand Chapters; also those of the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. California, for 1876, receives a fair share of his attention. He quotes briefly from Past Grand High Priest REYNOLDS’ Address, and expresses the opinion that “in this flourishing jurisdiction the Craft must be up to all the requirements of the law;” and that “it must be happiness unalloyed to be Grand High Priest of California.”

In answer to the comments of our former Chairman upon a decision of the Grand High Priest of Iowa relative to the powers of Chapters U. D., he says:—

“According to our teaching, you are both evidently incorrect. The Grand High Priest of Iowa, in ruling that a Chapter U. D. can affiliate members, and you, in setting forth the idea, in addition to this, that members can not only be affiliated, but discharged with dimits, advocate entirely new doctrines. A Chapter U. D. has only the right to make Masons, and by many eminent Masonic jurists this right even is denied. Did you ever read a dispensation to form a new Chapter, Companion? If so, does it state that this power to affiliate *members* is delegated? We trow not. It is very clear that until a Chapter is *constituted* it cannot entertain a petition for membership, and a Chapter U. D. is not a constituted body unless its officers have been installed, and that is something unheard of in this part of the country, and we cannot see how the Grand Chapter of Iowa ever swallowed such an unsavory doctrine as that just alluded to; and it also seems strange to us that our learned companion should go further in this unorthodox teaching. We stated in our last report that we had some queer notions about Chapters and Lodges U. D., and one of these notions is, that a Lodge U. D. is no Lodge at all, and cannot be one until constituted by installing its officers. If I am made a Mason in a Lodge U. D., how can I take the O. B. in visiting another Lodge, viz., that I have been initiated, passed, and raised in a *regular* Lodge? What makes it regular? The answer to this question opens a large field for discussion, and we desist for fear of going beyond our limit on this report.”

The law and practice in California was correctly stated by our predecessor; and although it may appear “unorthodox” to Comp. SOUTHGATE, it is, in our opinion, more in keeping with the power delegated in a dispensation than that outlined above. If a Chapter U. D. “cannot entertain a petition for membership,” why is the power given to entertain petitions for the degrees, and to make Royal Arch Masons? The latter is certainly the greater power, and of necessity includes the former. In other words, the making of Royal Arch Masons carries with it the power to receive those already made; like the rule in mathematics, the greater always includes the lesser.

From the abstract of returns we learn that there are twenty subordinate Chapters in this State, with an aggregate membership of eight hundred and seventy-three.

During the year twelve were exalted, two affiliated, two were reinstated, fifteen withdrew, and nine died. Receipts, \$195.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### OHIO.

The sixty-second Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio was held in the city of Columbus on the tenth day of October, 1878,—the *M. E.* JAMES W. UNDERHILL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES NESBITT being Grand Secretary. Representatives from one hundred and thirty-six subordinate Chapters were present.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a comprehensive and eminently practical paper. In his opening he says :—

"Since our last meeting harmony has existed among the craft throughout this jurisdiction, and increasing prosperity among our subordinate Chapters is everywhere apparent. General health has prevailed, and the various industries of the State have yielded satisfactory returns. For these blessings let us bow with humble and grateful thanks to the Father of all good, and while acknowledging his favors in the past, let us implore a continuance of them in the future.

"The true destiny of man is to grow in intellectual, moral, and spiritual excellence, and Masonry, properly understood and administered, aids greatly to accomplish that end. Our duty is to so live and act that the world will be wiser and better, that harmony may prevail, and discord be banished from the land. If we, as Masons, do not meet the requirements and evident aim of the institution, we are tares in the field of human progress, and come short of the promises made when we partook of the Masonic mysteries."

He exhorts his companions to enter upon the work of the new Masonic year "with increased zeal, and demonstrate to the world that it is good that Masonry was established."

The Grand High Priest reports the unpleasant fact that the Grand Treasurer "had used the funds of this Grand Chapter with his own in his financial transactions" to the amount of \$1,133 67, and having afterwards filed a voluntary petition in bankruptcy, the Grand Secretary had, under his direction, made out and properly proven a claim for the amount. This, he says, "leaves the Grand Chapter not only without funds, but in debt to the Grand Secretary for money advanced by him" for printing and other outlays. To prevent a like occurrence in the future, he recommended "that provision be made requiring our Grand Treasurer to give bond, and hereafter to keep the Chapter money separate from his own funds." This recommendation was adopted, and a by-law passed in accordance with the suggestion, requiring bond from that officer in the sum of two thousand dollars.

Two dispensations for the establishment of new Chapters were issued; also several dispensations to elect and install officers, "made necessary, in most cases," as stated by the Grand High Priest, "by neglect and carelessness."

The following decisions were made, and concurred in by the Grand Chapter, viz. :—

"A Chapter cannot grant jurisdiction over any part of its territory to another Chapter.

"A person under suspension in his Lodge cannot be legally elected an officer in his Chapter, and if so elected, the election is void.

"It is proper for a Chapter to give notice to a Commandery of the suspension or expulsion of a member who is also a member of the Commandery, and upon proper application, it is the duty of the Chapter so to do.

"In case the petition of a Royal Arch Mason for affiliation is rejected, his dimit must be returned to him unindorsed and unutilized.

"A Chapter under dispensation cannot receive members by affiliation.

"After a mark has been selected and entered on record, it cannot be changed.

"The officers of a Chapter cannot apply for a dispensation for a new Chapter."

These, we believe, are all in keeping with the decisions of this jurisdiction, excepting that which has reference to the right of Chapters under dispensation to affiliate members. Upon this subject our law is explicit in favor of the right; and our own views are sufficiently expressed under the head of North Carolina, and do not need to be repeated here.

Fraternal recognition "and hearty welcome to the family of Grand Chapters," was extended to the Grand Chapter of Quebec.

The communication of Grand High Priest WALTER, of Mississippi, upon the subject of the "transfer of the Council Degrees to the bosom of the Chapter," was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who reported that as no action had been asked for "by either the Chapters or Councils of this jurisdiction, no action is at present required;" and a resolution offered by a companion that "the interest of Capitular Masonry would be advanced by having the Council Degrees conferred by the Chapter," was negatived by vote of the Grand Chapter.

Comp. THOMAS J. MELISH presented a very able review of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter of the United States, the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales, and the Supreme Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of England—California, for 1877-8, receiving a fair share of his attention. He comments upon the recommendation of Past Grand High Priest ABELL, that candidates should become proficient in the degrees already received, before being advanced to the next, as follows:—

"It may be said that there is a reason for requiring proficiency in the Symbolic Degrees which do not apply to others. When a man becomes a Master Mason, that confers citizenship in the Masonic state the world over; hence a Master Mason should be well grounded in the fundamental principles of the Royal Art. This does not apply equally to the subsequent grades."

Our proceedings for 1878 are but briefly referred to, they not having been received until after his review of the previous year was completed. In this connection he says:—

"As we have not time for a second analysis, we can only add that the present year shows forty-nine Chapters, two hundred and twenty-one exaltations, and two thousand nine hundred and ninety Royal Arch Masons affiliated in the Grand Chapter of California. We regret that we did not receive the report a few days earlier: as the convocation was held April 9-10, it should have been distributed before August."

Why Comp. MELISH did not receive our proceedings for 1878 "before August," or in what manner the delay occurred, we are unable to say. This, however, we *know*—that the usual number of copies, carefully wrapped and directed to Grand Secretary NESBITT, were deposited in the Post Office in this city *before* the fifth day of June, and should certainly have been received long before the time mentioned. Comp. CONSON, of New Jersey, in his Report on Correspondence, gives "June 23" as the date on which our proceedings for that year were received by him, and certainly those for Ohio, mailed at the same time, could not have been much longer in reaching their destination. The fault was not ours, Companion.

The Grand Chapter of Ohio has one hundred and forty-one constituent Chapters, with an aggregate membership of eight thousand four hundred and forty-seven. Five hundred and three were exalted during the year, sixty-five affiliated, one hundred and nineteen were reinstated, and eighty-seven died. Total receipts, \$3,327.

The M. E. Grand High Priest, and the R. E. Grand Secretary, were re-elected.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

The Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania holds quarterly Communications; also, a Grand Annual Communication—five Grand Convocations each year. The quarterlies for the year 1877 were held in the city of Philadelphia on February first, May third, August second, and November first. The business transacted at the first three was unimportant, being mostly confined to the approval or disapproval of amendments to By-Laws of subordinate Chapters. At the November quarterly, however, the Grand Officers for the ensuing Masonic year were elected, that being the time set apart by the Constitution for that purpose. In fact most of the business usually transacted in the Annual Convocations of other States is attended to at this Communication.

The request of the Grand Z. of the Grand Chapter of Quebec for recognition,

which had been previously referred to the Committee on Correspondence, was declared "not in proper form for present action,"—

"*First.* Because it is not authenticated by any signature."

"*Second.* Because it is not under seal."

"*Third.* Because there is no evidence of the *concurrence* of the Grand Chapter of Canada. In the judgment of the Committee, the *signatures* of the proper officers and the *seal* of the body are essential to recognized correspondences upon a subject so important as the one *within* referred to."

The Committee were discharged from further consideration of the subject.

The *M. E.* ALFRED R. POTTER was re-elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JOHN THOMSON was re-elected Grand Secretary—to be installed on the succeeding St. John's Day.

The Annual Communication was held at the city of Philadelphia, on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1877,—the *M. E.* ALFRED R. POTTER, Grand High Priest, presiding.

The principal business transacted was the installation of the five elective Grand Officers—the Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary—after which, "the Most Excellent Grand High Priest made a brief and pertinent Address, which was received by the Grand Chapter with satisfaction." He then appointed the subordinate officers of the Grand Chapter, and named the various Committees, all of whom serve throughout the year. There is no elective Deputy Grand High Priest, as with us—the District Deputies, eighteen in number, and appointed by the Grand High Priest, appear to be the only recognized "Deputy Grand High Priests."

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. EDWARD R. WORRELL, and occupies one hundred and twenty-five pages. It is a *resumé* of the proceedings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters—ours for 1877 being freely quoted from. He gives two full pages of the excellent Address of our Past Grand High Priest ABELL, and that portion of the Grand Lecturer's report having reference to the "improprieties" sometimes practiced in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch, and which he is pleased to "commend to the thoughtful consideration of all Royal Arch Masons." He also gives the entire report of the Committee to whom it was referred, and a brief extract from the Report on Correspondence, by our predecessor. This, "and nothing more."

The Quarterly Communications for 1878 were held in Philadelphia, on February seventh, May second, August first, and November seventh.

At the Communication in May, a properly authenticated request having doubtless been presented, the Grand Chapter of Quebec was recognized and welcomed by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania.

The Annual Grand Communication was held at Philadelphia, on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1878,—the *M. E.* ALFRED R. POTTER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN THOMSON being Grand Secretary.

The Grand Officers elected at the November Quarterly were duly installed and severally proclaimed—previous to which a valedictory Address was delivered by the *M. E.* ALFRED R. POTTER, giving a summary of his official acts during the two years he had held the office of Grand High Priest. Of the "listless indifference on the part of companions, members of Chapters, to the voluntary duties they assumed when entering the institution," he says:—

"It is true that Capitalist Masonry, like every other organization, has suffered and is still suffering from the depressed condition of the times; but that should be no good reason why companions ought not to assemble in their respective Chapters at the stated periods named, and this if for no other purpose than to encourage each other in the work of life before them, to develop the principles taught them, to do good unto all men, and especially unto them who are of the household of faith."

His closing words apply to the Craft at large, as well as to the Companions of Pennsylvania, and are cheerfully quoted. He says:—

"As Royal Arch Masons, my companions, may we all be directed by that *wisdom* which only cometh from above, strengthened by the King of Kings, and by the beauty of virtue incited to discharge the obligations and duties resting and enjoined upon us, not only here in this Temple, but in the world in which we move, always remembering charity is a fundamental principle of all grades of Masonry, for we live not to ourselves—*our work is life*, in bright and ceaseless labors, as the star that shineth unto all worlds but itself."

Comp. WILLIAM C. HAMILTON was then duly installed Most Excellent Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and on assuming his station delivered a most excellent address, from which we make the following extracts, and commend them as "words of wisdom" which *all* may well heed. He says:—

"There are resting upon us, as individual Royal Arch Masons, obligations which, if faithfully performed, would make this or any administration that will ever exist, noted for beneficial results to the Craft, and which would enable us all to experience reciprocal pleasure in the discharge of every duty. Energy, zeal, and dignity are pre-eminently required of us, and should ever mark and distinguish our career as Royal Arch Masons; our devotion to the institution should be of that disinterested character which flows from a heart warmed by honest love for its principles. Thus would we secure in our midst that spirit of harmony which is so necessary to our present well-being, and our future growth and prosperity."

To the experimentalist (if any are to be found among us) who is not satisfied with Masonry as transmitted by his predecessors, and is continually advocating some change in the old established customs, we commend the following, viz.:—

"There is, I regret to say, a disposition among thoughtless companions to modernize ancient Masonry, by casting aside the usages and customs that have existed for years, and substituting that which would be most subservient to their individual interest. This is indirect disloyalty to the institution, and equally subversive of that order, in the absence of which everything would rush into wild confusion. It is our duty to discountenance these attempts at innovation and guard well our inheritance, and instead of trying to improve, study well that which has been handed down to us by the fathers in Masonry, until we shall become imbued with its principles; then, and then only, can we become its true and faithful exponents."

And to the "grumbler," who, unmindful of the beam in his own eye, is ever plucking at the mote in that of his companion, the following:—

"Doubtless you may have noticed that it is the idler who causes the mischief, when there is any, in our organization. A spirit of fault-finding takes possession of him; he discovers neither virtue nor utility in anything that others do; he attaches evil motives to the purest and most self-denying efforts, and constantly complains that there is nothing done properly. We would say without hesitation, that the best cure for this bad spirit is, for its possessor to *go to work*, and by something of practical good he may accomplish, seek to build up and strengthen our glorious brotherhood."

The entire Address is replete with interest to the true Mason, and must be productive of much good to all who shall read it reflectively and understandingly.

A very excellent Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, in which he reviews the proceedings of forty-one Grand Chapters. California, for 1878, receives fraternal notice. He quotes in full the report of our Committee on Jurisprudence upon the status of a Chapter Mason who, after expulsion by his Lodge, is restored by the Grand Lodge, and commends it "to those who are advocating that a suspension is not a suspension."

The following, under the head of "Arkansas," we transcribe without comment, as matter of information, only, viz.:—

"Do you seriously think it right and proper for your Grand Chapter to legislate on a subject of which they have no knowledge? Are not the Council degrees recognized as higher degrees, and would it not be as well to take hold of the Order of the Red Cross? Without a doubt the Knights Templar who advocate changes would willingly grant control of the Red Cross to the Chapters. It would, no doubt, impart new interest and fresh charms to Capitular Masonry. It seems to us that the members of the subordinate Councils and Chapters should have something to say on this

subject : the former, if they consent to kill their Councils, the latter, if they want to add more degrees to their system. The representatives of the subordinate bodies in the Grand Chapter and Grand Council are exceeding their powers, and in no Constitution can they find any authority to add to or take from the degrees that have been committed to their charge."

There are one hundred and three subordinate Chapters in Pennsylvania, with a total of ten thousand three hundred and thirty-nine members. There are three independent Mark Lodges, also, with a membership of two thousand and three. Five hundred and five were exalted, and thirty-seven affiliated during the year. Receipts, \$8,725 80.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter of "Rhode Island and Providence Plantations," was held at the city of Providence, on the twenty-second day of January, 1878,—the Grand High Priest and other Grand Officers being present, and the representatives of ten chartered Chapters. The Grand High Priest announced that the Grand Chapter had been specially convened "for the purpose of witnessing an exemplification of the work and lectures of the Chapters Degrees." *Providence Chapter, No. 1*, was then opened, and the several degrees were conferred in a manner satisfactory to the Grand Officers, and the accuracy with which the work was rendered was highly commended.

The following resolution, submitted by the Committee on Correspondence, was unanimously adopted at this session :—

"Resolved, That the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island hereby accords official recognition to the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Quebec."

The Grand Chapter was then closed in ample form.

The eightieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Rhode Island was held at Providence, on the twelfth day of March, 1878,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM T. C. WARDWELL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. GREENE being Grand Secretary. Representatives from all the subordinate Chapters were present, together with several Past Grand High Priests and other Past Grand Officers.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is chiefly devoted to matters of local interest. In his opening, he says :—

"We have again assembled in Annual Convocation, and it affords me pleasure to state that harmony and good will prevail within our jurisdiction. I have personally visited all of the Chapters at their Annual Convocations; and although the amount of work performed is small, 'owing to the continued stagnation in business,' yet I find a goodly interest manifested by the Companions of the different Chapters, which augurs well for their prosperity in the future."

Six special dispensations are reported as having been issued by him; and the appointment of Representatives near the Grand Chapters of Kansas, West Virginia, Quebec, and Nebraska, is also reported. Of the exemplification of work had at the Special Grand Convocation, as above, in referring to the Royal Arch, he says :—

"It should have been seen to have been appreciated. The officers seemed to work with that harmony and intelligence that left nothing undone to make the work pass off in a satisfactory manner."

He thinks the results of the work on that day will long be felt in the jurisdiction.

The Grand High Priest announces the deaths of *R. E.* STEPHEN A. ROBINSON, Past Grand Scribe and Past Grand Master, and *M. E.* JOSEPH BELCHER, Past Grand High Priest; the former occurring April 8th, and the latter September 9th, 1877. He refers to them as "two of our oldest and most esteemed Companions." They were aged, respectively, seventy-eight and seventy-seven. A mourning page is dedicated to the memory of each.

The Report on Correspondence gives a brief but comprehensive review of the

proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, and of the General Grand Chapter ; those of California for 1877 receiving fraternal notice. Upon the proposition, that a brother must first serve as a Warden in order to be qualified for Master, he says :—

“Such qualification is not required in this jurisdiction, nor in California, but is in many. It is said to be ‘a poor rule that will not work both ways,’ and it might as well, according to our notion, be claimed that a brother having been a Warden is entitled to be Master. An arbitrary rule in such cases must sometimes work harm, and it would seem to be the better way to leave the matter to the judgment of the brethren.”

There are ten subordinate Chapters, with a membership of sixteen hundred and twenty. Eighteen were exalted, two affiliated, and sixteen died.

The Rev. and M. E. WILLIAM N. ACKLEY was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WILLIAM R. GREENE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### TENNESSEE.

The fiftieth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of this State was held in the city of Nashville, on the fourteenth day of November, 1878,—the M. E. JOHN S. PRIDE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN FRIZZELL being Grand Secretary. Sixty-four subordinate Chapters were represented.

In his Address, the Grand High Priest reminds his companions that it is only through the loving care of the Great Jehovah that the privilege of again meeting in annual communication is vouchsafed, “or even our lives are spared ;—and that they should not be unmindful of those who are in affliction, and upon whom the hand of distress has been heavily laid.” Under the head of “Our dead,” he says :—

“Since our last Convocation our Jurisdiction has been visited by the most desolating pestilence that it has been the misfortune of our loved land at any previous time to undergo. And among the many victims thereof are many Companions who have heretofore looked forward to the annual assembling of this Grand body with delight, and participated in the pleasures and labors of our Annual Convocations, but who can do so no more forever.

“Prominent among these I will, without intending invidious distinctions, bring to your notice P. G. H. P. ANDREW JACKSON WHEELER, of Memphis. When the pestilence made its appearance in his loved city, true to the teachings of his life he determined to remain and do his duty to his people. And nobly did he discharge it, till he, himself, became a victim, and on the 7th day of September, he laid down his life a sacrifice for others. ‘Greater love hath no man than this, that a man lay down his life for a friend.’”

He then gives a short history of Comp. Wheeler's connection with the Grand Chapter, and of the different positions and offices he had filled, and closes by saying :—

“Thus has passed away one of the most distinguished members and brightest jewels of our Order. One who knew nothing but duty, and who died as he had lived, with the harness on. May we all do as well.”

Feeling allusion is also made to the decease of Companion ED. WORSHAM, of Memphis, another victim to the yellow fever scourge, and to Companion JOHN F. SLOVER, Past Grand King of the Grand Chapter. It is sad indeed to note the many vacancies occasioned by death in this jurisdiction. Mourning pages are inscribed to a Past Grand High Priest, a Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Past Grand King, Past Grand Scribe, and a Past Grand Commander ; and the names of eighty-one companions are grouped on another page as death's harvest for the year. Sorely has our Sister suffered ; and our fraternal sympathy is sorrowingly tendered.

The Grand High Priest, in referring to the generous relief afforded by the fraternity in the time of their distress, says :—

“I cannot pass from this subject without reference to the nobility of action of our Brethren and Companions in this and other Jurisdictions. Scarcely had the vibrations of the telegraph, bearing the intelligence that the pestilence had invaded our Jurisdiction, ceased, before the messages of condolence and sympathy were borne to us, and substantial aid poured upon us. Our every want was supplied, and so abundantly that it seemed with extravagance. How fully does this teach us that Masonry

is not sectional, nor is it dead, but a living reality; not a 'sounding brass or tinkling cymbal,' but an institution which, when the necessity arises, exemplifies the sublime Christian grace of Charity and brotherly love, that it so fully teaches."

No questions of sufficient importance to require official interference arose during the year, and peace and harmony are reported as prevailing throughout the jurisdiction. The fact that the Chapters did not increase in membership as in former years, he thinks should not be regarded as discouraging, but rather a subject of congratulation; as "evidencing that the moral fitness of applicants are more closely observed."

The Special Committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation to consider the propriety of incorporating into Capitular Masonry the degrees of Royal and Select Master, reported that "as another Convocation of this Grand Chapter will be holden before the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter for the United States, which alone can give efficacy to any movement in this regard, it is inexpedient to take action upon this subject at this Convocation."

Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, satisfactorily accounts for the absence of a report from that committee, and his remarks on the question of a union of the Council and Chapter degrees, he being the present General Grand High Priest, are worthy of consideration. He says:—

"The time which had been set apart, in the arrangement of the year's work, for the preparation of a report on Correspondence, was devoted to receiving and disbursing the funds so generously and liberally contributed for the relief of the yellow fever sufferers in this State. I contemplated giving a report upon such topics of general interest as might present themselves in the Proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters. As it is, I have no time at command even to do so much. A perusal of the Proceedings indicate a fair degree of interest, on the whole, in this department of Masonic work, and, considering the times, no specially discouraging feature is perceptible.

"Much interest is manifested in the question of a union of the Council and Chapter degrees, and it seems to be the current of sentiment that such a union, upon some proper basis, is desirable, and will, in some way, be accomplished in the near future. Without expressing an opinion upon the merits of the question, we venture the suggestion that present action is premature, on the part of Grand or Subordinate Chapters, at least, those holding allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, as this authority must act before any arrangement can be made efficacious. At the next Triennial Convocation, the General Grand Chapter can settle the question, some way, and action by Chapters, before this, only tends to complicate the matter."

There are ninety-three subordinate Chapters in the State, with a membership of three thousand two hundred and seventy-one. Fifty-nine were exalted, twenty-eight affiliated, and eighty-one died, during the year.

The M. E. BENJAMIN F HALLER was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### TEXAS.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its twenty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Houston, on the thirteenth day of December, 1877,—the M. E. W. F. SWAIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. R. BREWSTER being Grand Secretary. Eighty-five Chapters were represented.

In his opening, the Grand High Priest says:—

"On this day, thirty-six years ago, the Royal Craft in Texas assembled in Convocation at the city of Austin, and organized the progenitor of this Grand Body. When we consider the peculiar political surroundings of the Texas Craftsmen at that early day, when society was like a volcanic eruption, the population as diverse as the builders of Babel, we stand in awe and admiration as we view that zealous little band in their feeble efforts to rear the first Royal Arch upon our broad, wild prairies. But their zeal was equal to the task; the columns were raised, the Book of Law was opened, and from their Lebanon and Zeredatha, gathered they the material for the Building; and to-day we sit down under the shadow thereof; to-day we present a roll of membership far exceeding the conception of those grand old spirits. The sound of the gavel of our subordinates is ringing from almost every village and hamlet of this great State."

He reports in fitting terms the decease of Comp. A. M. UPSHAW, Past Grand King and Past Grand Treasurer of the Grand Chapter, and suggests that some



expression of the esteem and respect in which his memory is held, be given. A mourning page, suitably inscribed, was thereupon dedicated. He then gives the names of one hundred and ten members of subordinate Chapters who have been summoned hence by the dread messenger since the last Annual Convocation.

Eighteen Chapters were visited by the Grand High Priest, some of them several times, and "in all, the work was thoroughly rehearsed." In these visits, he says he "endeavored to impress upon both officers and companions the necessity of confining themselves to the adopted work, and permitting nothing to be added to or taken from that casket which contains our jewels." The following extract, upon a subject sufficiently explained in the language used, we gladly make. He says:—

"As I have done in visits, so let me here impress upon you, and through you the companions of your Chapters, the necessity of discountenancing that senseless, not to say inhuman, practice, which so mars the beauty and sublimity of the Royal Arch Degree. Our ritual does not teach it; decency forbids it; cultivated taste abhors it, and to gentlemen of good breeding, it is disgusting. \* \* \* \* \* Where natures have obtruded themselves, so lost to the refinements of ceremonials as to be willing to debase them to the temporary discomfort of a candidate, merely to afford a coarse amusement to those who participate in them, they should receive the withering frown of authority to such an extent that the offender dare not repeat them."

Several important rulings upon questions submitted, were made by the Grand High Priest during the year, in some of which we concur, being in accordance with the law in this jurisdiction. He decided that a High Priest, having obtained satisfactory evidence that a companion had been suspended by his Lodge, should cause the fact to be recorded, and the Chapter should thenceforth refuse him Masonic recognition, until re-instated by his Lodge.

*Second*, That a Royal Arch Mason from Scotland, or other jurisdiction in which the appendant degrees are not conferred, desiring to visit, the Chapter, being satisfied that he is in good standing, should proceed to confer upon him, free of charge, the degrees not previously received, "to the end that he may be healed and become a Royal Arch Mason among us. Until this is done, he cannot visit a Chapter in this jurisdiction."

*Third*, A Brother, who, after election for the Chapter degrees and reception of the Mark, is suspended by his Lodge, and three years elapse before he is re-instated, cannot receive the remaining degrees without a new ballot. The Grand High Priest bases his decision upon a regulation requiring a new ballot when a candidate fails to present himself and receive the degrees within twelve months after his election, saying:—

"By parity of reasoning, if it is deemed necessary to re-ballot for a Brother in good standing, after one year's delay, how much more necessary to re-ballot for a candidate who has been suspended for three years."

*Fourth*, A Companion who applies for affiliation with a Chapter, and while it is pending, dimitts from his Blue Lodge, is held still entitled to become a member of the Chapter. Thus far the decision is in harmony with our law; but for a reason wholly different from that urged by the *M. E.* Companion. He says:—

"Our organization is a voluntary one, and no one should be forced to retain membership with another order, however advisable it may be. Withdrawal from the Lodge, and remaining as a dimitted Mason, does not affect standing in the Chapter."

The premise for the above conclusion grates harshly upon our Masonic nerves. It is not true that we are "another order," nor are we in any sense of the term, independent. On the contrary, we are one and the same order—the perfection and consummation of the third degree; and without standing in the one, there can be none in the other. We are wholly dependent upon the Blue Lodges;—they are the foundation upon which our superstructure is erected;—from them we derive our maintenance and support—we are nothing without them. Our sister, we know, would not confer the Royal Arch upon one not a Master, nor do we believe she would upon a Master Mason who was not in good standing in his Lodge. Why then should

*claim, as a member, one who could not, for the same reason, become a member?*

We are guilty of no such inconsistency. We recognize the conclusion, but require that good standing in the Blue Lodge shall be maintained—which, by our Grand Lodge regulation, must be by contribution of a sum equal to the amount of annual dues of the Lodge within the jurisdiction of which he may reside. In this manner only can a dimitted Master Mason, with us, retain his standing in the Chapter.

*Fifth*, A petition having been read and referred, is the property of the Chapter and cannot be withdrawn. It "must go through the ordeal of investigation and ballot."

*Sixth*, An unfavorable report by a committee does not do away with the ballot. A ballot must be had, "whatever be the report."

The above is different in many jurisdictions; it being held that an unfavorable report is equivalent to a rejection. This is the practice in several of the Chapters in the jurisdiction of California. And while it is perhaps better that a ballot should at all times be had, it is certainly unnecessary if the committee makes an honest report; and we have too much confidence in the integrity of any companion to believe he would report one way, and ballot another. When, however, there is a divided report, the ballot should never be omitted.

The Grand High Priest strongly urges the resuming of their connection with the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and quotes the following from the late Address of the General Grand High Priest, wherein allusion is made to the return of Georgia and Alabama, viz. :—

"Thus stone by stone the Great American Royal Arch Temple, *The Temple of Fraternal Union* is being rebuilt, and the breaches thereof permanently repaired. But yet there is something wanting; a beautiful *Pleiad* is still missing from the *Royal Constellation*; the Grand Chapter of Texas yet wanders in her path of isolation."

In this connection, he adds :—

"Companions, there is yet a link missing in that great chain of fraternal union. Shall we longer stand aloof? I leave the matter to your wise consideration, believing, however, that we should accept the proffered seat at that Grand Triennial Feast of Tabernacles, and let the Lone Star once more sparkle in the 'Royal Constellation.'"

The "Committee on Grand Officers Reports" in referring to the subject, express the opinion that it has not been generally discussed by the Chapters, and that it is a matter of too much importance to be acted upon without due deliberation, and recommended its reference to a committee of five Past Grand High Priests to be reported upon at the next Annual Convocation. "Not doubting," say they, "that whatever action the Grand Chapter may take in the premises after proper reflection, will be amicably concurred in by the Companions throughout the jurisdiction." The Report was adopted, and Past Grand High Priests PHILIP C. TUCKER, E. W. TAYLOR, N. MOSKES, J. D. GIDDINGS, and H. F. GILLETTE, were appointed said committee.

The condition of the order is represented as "flourishing and healthy," strong in numbers, and united in purpose, with "peace within its gates, and prosperity within its borders."

One dispensation for a new Chapter was issued, and two refused.

The Grand Chapters of Nevada and Quebec were fraternally recognized; also the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. ROBERT M. ELGIN, and contains a very full and interesting review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, the General Grand Chapter, and the Grand Lodge of M. M. M. of England and Wales. California for 1877, receives favorable notice.

It is more fully in accordance with our idea of what a report should be, than any that have come under our observation; being a *review*, and not a wholesale scissoring, as is sometimes met with. He gives a brief and intelligent outline of the entire business of our session, and testifies his general approval by the remark, that "as

usual in that Grand Chapter, it was well done." He thinks our plan of making the election and installation of officers the last business of the session, "not a bad idea;" and says:—

"We know of no better way of retaining a full representation to the very last than by making the election and installation the last business transacted. It is not unfrequently the case that after the election is over, the Grand High Priest has numerous applications for leave of absence."

In defence of the practice which prevails in his State, of allowing visitors to ballot on applications for degrees, he says:—

"We do not propose to weaken the guard at the portals of the Order, and we do not pretend that we alone are worthy to be placed on guard. We do not ignore the argument advanced in another place, that a visitor has no business to say who shall or who shall not become a member of a particular Chapter. It does not necessarily follow that a candidate who petitions for the degrees is to become a member of the Chapter to which his petition is addressed. That, at least, is not what he petitions for; nor is the ballot for membership. The question at issue to be determined by the ballot is, "Is the candidate worthy to receive the degrees?" In some bodies he becomes a member after receiving the degrees by signing the By-Laws. Neither the election or the conferring of the degrees makes him a member. It is entirely optional with him whether he becomes a member or not. With us, however, he becomes a member; though sometimes, as in the case of a soldier or other transient person, it is known to be only temporary."

The Grand Chapter of Texas has ninety-six subordinate Chapters on its roll, with a membership of three thousand nine hundred and forty-six. Four hundred and twenty-eight were exalted during the year, one hundred and thirty-nine affiliated, seventeen were re-instated, two hundred and seventy-four dimitted, and one hundred and twenty-seven died.

The *M. E.* WILLIAM BRAMLETTE was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* ROBERT BREWSTER was re-elected Grand Secretary. Comp. R. M. ELGIN was re-appointed chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

#### VERMONT.

This Grand Chapter held its sixty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Burlington, on the twenty-fifth day of September, 1878,—the *M. E.* EDWARD S. DANA, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB being Grand Secretary. Twenty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is chiefly devoted to matters of local interest. Of the condition of the Royal Craft in his State, he says:—

"Of our own condition I believe we may speak in cheerful and hopeful tones. \* \* \* There is, and there need be, no fear as to the future of Capitalar Masonry in Vermont. The men who administer its affairs are largely men of culture, of intelligence, and who deeply appreciate and fully understand the sublime and beautiful lessons conveyed by its impressive ritual. They have only to be inspired to act with fidelity in the important mission they have in charge, and to exclude all but the most worthy from their portals, and all will be well."

He expresses deep sensibility "of the unfailing goodness and mercy of our Heavenly Father" in being permitted to assemble for two successive years with ranks unbroken, "and that no officer or member of the Grand Chapter has been called to part with his companions and to cross the dark river that separates us from the oblivious shore beyond." Continuing, he says:—

"While in other jurisdictions the wall of sorrow, in the desolating track of the fearful pestilence, has reached us, and we have marked the heroism of our brethern in the midst of suffering and death—a heroism equal to that of the brave Spartan band at the pass of Thermopylæ—here, among the mountains, with their pure air and invigorating influence, we are untouched by plague or disaster, and have pursued our chosen callings in the plenitude of peace."

The sympathy of the Grand Chapter is extended to the Grand Chapter of Arkansas for the death of the *M. E.* JONATHAN W. JORDAN, Grand High Priest of that State.

Representatives of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, near fourteen sister Grand Chapters, were announced as having been appointed during the year.

In concluding his Address, the Grand High Priest indulges in the following retrospect, and counsels an earnest effort to leave as unsullied a history as those "venerated fathers" to whom allusion is made. He says:—

"When I first entered the Grand Chapter as a member, in 1862, sixteen years ago, the constituent members of this body were nearly all men of three-score years and ten. Venerable in years, ripe in a long and varied experience, wise and prudent in counsel, they were worthy of the highest honor and respect. Though HASWELL and TUCKER and POTTER were no longer there, yet DAVENPORT and WASHBURN and NEEDHAM and HOLLENBECK and CAMPBELL and WILLSON still lingered, and with pious and watchful care kept the fires still bright upon our altars.

As I look upon the pleasant and familiar faces of those who to-day surround me, and seek for those who then mingled with me in the interesting duties which then engaged us, I find myself almost alone.

"And shall it be, that when less than a score of years shall have taken flight, our seats here shall be vacant, and the affairs of this Grand Chapter administered by another generation? How earnest and sincere should then be our ambition to leave its record and its history as reputable and unsullied as when our venerated fathers held these places before us.

"Shall we not clasp hands again with a new and firmer resolve to take no step backward; but determine that in the future we shall more earnestly and fully consecrate ourselves in the work of elevating, and purifying from every unworthy influence, our Institution which we should ever sacredly foster and cherish; while over the porches of our sacred and beautiful Temples we ever may keep inscribed in characters of imperishable light, 'HOLINESS TO THE LORD.'"

Companion THEODORE S. PECK was duly received and accredited as Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of California near the Grand Chapter of Vermont.

The following resolutions, in recognition of the faithfulness and zeal of two venerated Companions, who were in attendance, we gladly transcribe, viz:—

"Resolved, That it is a source of grateful satisfaction to the Grand Chapter of Vermont, that it is honored with the presence to-day of two venerable Companions, LEONARD SARGENT, Past Grand Scribe, aged eighty-five years, and JOHN B. HOLLENBECK, Past Grand Secretary, aged eighty-six, and we most cordially and heartily welcome them to this sixty-second Convocation, and trust that a kind Providence that has so long guarded them may vouchsafe many years to them, and that as the shadows of the evening of life gather around them, peace, happiness and strength may attend them, as do the love and respect of the Masons of Vermont.

"Resolved, That these two Companions, who withstood with Roman firmness the assaults upon our temple—the fury of the passing tempest of anti-masonry—are entitled to our reverence and gratitude, and we would this day pay them this our tribute of respect."

A resolution was also passed denying future representation to any Chapter unless its returns shall have been made, and the dues paid, "in accordance with the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter."

The Report on Correspondence, from the pen of M. E. Grand High Priest DANA, gives a brief but comprehensive review of the proceedings of thirty-four Grand Chapters, California for 1878 being of the number. He quotes in full Past Grand High Priest KNAPP's remarks in reference to the suffering of the previous year from drought, and the decision on the question of objection after the election of a candidate, he says "is entitled to full commendation."

The following very sensible reply to the reason so often urged for taking the Cryptic degree "into the bosom of the Chapter," viz.: that they are "languishing," &c., we quote not only for its pointed brevity, but also for the easy remedy suggested. In his review of the Report of Comp. EAKIN, of Arkansas, he says:—

"He favors taking the Cryptic Degrees 'into the bosom of the Chapter,' because they are languishing in Arkansas. Would he take the Chapter Degrees 'into the bosom of the Lodge' for the same equally important reason? Would not a little earnest work to prevent their 'languishing' be better?"

The Grand Chapter of Vermont has twenty-five constituent Chapters, the returns of which show a total membership of one thousand eight hundred and sixty-nine.

During the year seventy-five were exalted, four were re-instated, nine affiliated, twenty-two dimitted, and twenty-eight died.

The *M. E.* EDWARD S. DANA and the *R. E.* WILLIAM M. S. WHITCOMB were re-elected Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be holden on the 13th day of June, 1879—a resolution changing the time of meeting from September to June, having been adopted.

#### VIRGINIA.

The Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Virginia was held in the city of Richmond on the twelfth day of December, 1878,—the *M. E.* ALFRED S. LEE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. ISAACS being Grand Secretary. Representatives from twenty-one subordinate Chapters were present; also the Grand Representatives of the several States of California, Mississippi, Vermont, Louisiana, and Quebec.

The Grand High Priest, in an able Address, makes suitable acknowledgment to the Great I AM for his protecting care, and for the many mercies enjoyed through the year. He says:—

“While the past year has been one of great depression, and many are inclined to murmur, yet when we consider that through every difficulty we have been brought by a way that we knew not, that darkness has been made light before us and crooked things straight, we should not only cease our murmurings, but devoutly thank the Giver of all good for the many mercies vouchsafed to us. It is difficult properly to estimate the many mercies we daily enjoy except by comparison. Let us then compare our condition with that of our companions of the plague-smitten districts of our country, and we shall be better enabled to sympathize with them, and more fully realize our own blessings. I know that every one of you joins me in fraternal sympathy for our companions who have been so sorely stricken, and that all of you have, according to your ability, contributed to their relief.”

He states that although death has not run riot with them as with the jurisdictions alluded to, still they have to lament the death of their Past Grand High Priest *M. E.* JOHN ROBIN McDANIEL, who died in Washington City on the 14th day of May, 1878, aged seventy-one years. Of the deceased, he says:—

“I have known Companion McDANIEL from my boyhood. As a man of business, he was industrious, attentive, successful; as a citizen, he was foremost in all enterprises for the benefit of his native city, and no measure of moment was adopted without advising with him; as a Mason, zealous. This term, however, poorly expresses his character as a Mason. He seemed to give his mind, and all the spare time he could command, to the good of the Order—being at the same time Worshipful Master of a Lodge, High Priest of a Chapter, Eminent Commander of a Commandery, and Inspector General of a Consistory, none of which were at any time neglected.”

The Committee to whom the subject of Comp. McDANIEL's death was referred, say:—

“When the hardy oak falls prostrate in the pathway of the storm, or is riven by the unrelenting thunderbolt, our regrets are keen and poignant, because a casualty has contravened the unchanging laws of Nature, and because ‘untimely death’ is there; but when, by the slower processes of time and natural decay, a withered trunk lies low, there must be, in the midst of our regret, an acquiescence in the justice and reasonableness of the doom. So it is with the Companion we lament this day. As a sheaf of ripened grain, to which the sickle is applied only because it is ready for the harvest, so falls our brother; full of years, full of virtues, full of honors. Our tears of human sympathy and feeling may flow indeed in parting with the loved and honored friend and father in the Craft; but the Divinity that made our natures as they are, fills us with unsorrowing hope, rather than unmitigated grief, because we recognize that *accident* has not robbed us, but that a natural separation has occurred.”

The decease of Comp. HENRY DELAPLAINE DANFORTH, a Past High Priest, and for several years President of the Council of High Priests, is also appropriately announced. He is characterized as “a good citizen, an affectionate husband, a zealous and exemplary Mason.” A mourning page to the memory of each is published in the proceedings.

It seems that the custom has heretofore prevailed in Virginia, for the Grand Chapter, annually, to appoint a Council of High Priests, whose duty it was to confer the Order of High Priesthood upon High Priests elect of subordinate Chapters, *before* installation; as required by the regulations of the Grand Chapter. The difficulties in the way of carrying out this requirement are forcibly stated by the Grand High Priest, and the organization of a Council of High Priesthood urgently recommended. He also recommended that in lieu of the regulation as above stated, the High Priest elect should "be required to give his assent to the ancient charges and be inducted into the office and at once enter upon his duties; and that he be further required to take the Order of High Priesthood at the next Grand Annual Convocation." We are glad to note that the recommendations were adopted by the Grand Chapter, and a "Permanent Council of High Priesthood" organized, notwithstanding the fact that the committee to whom the Address was referred, reported adversely thereto, and in favor of continuing the former practice.

Under the head of decisions, we find the following; and as a summary would fall in explicitness, it is given in full,—in the belief that the space cannot be more profitably occupied, viz.:—

"On the 22nd day of January, 1877, charges were preferred against Bro. ——— in *Suffolk* Lodge, No. 30, for unmasonic conduct. On the 26th of February he was tried and suspended. He immediately appealed from the decision of the Lodge, and a commission was appointed by the Grand Master to review the evidence, and on the 28th day of April reported, reversing the decision of the Lodge, and in lieu of suspension decided he should be reprimanded in open Lodge. The members of *Mount Nebo* Chapter, No. 20, were members of *Suffolk* Lodge, No. 30, and were well acquainted with all the facts as well as the decision of the commission, when on the 19th of April Companion ——— was suspended from the rights and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry by a majority vote of *Mount Nebo* Chapter, No. 20. On the 17th of January, 1878, Companion ——— was restored to the rights and benefits of Royal Arch Masonry, but his application for membership was rejected. Query, Was the action of the Chapter right, and what is now his status in the Chapter. I decided:

1st. That the suspension of Companion ——— by his Lodge being known in the Chapter, he should have been declared suspended in the Chapter *for that reason*; and entered in the records.

2nd. That his rights as a Royal Arch Mason and membership in the Chapter where no charges were preferred against him, were simply held in abeyance, awaiting the decision of the commission of the Grand Lodge; and the reversal of the decision of his Lodge restored him to the same position in the Chapter he enjoyed before his trial and suspension, which should also have been entered on the records as soon as that decision was known. The action of the Chapter in suspending him without a trial was therefore null and void."

The following resolution, laid over from the last Annual Convocation, was taken up and adopted:—

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter respectfully declines the recognition of the Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales."

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. WILLIAM B. ISAACS, Grand Secretary. A very interesting review of the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters is given; our own for 1878 receiving full and fraternal notice. He quotes the decision of Past Grand High Priest KNAPP relative to the effect of an objection after a favorable ballot has been had, and says that it differs from the law of Virginia in this: Theirs "requires the objection to be made known to the Council, and it shall determine its force and importance." We, like him, have "some doubts" upon the propriety of leaving a matter of so much importance in the hands of the Council. The harmony of the whole Chapter is involved, oftentimes, by reason of objection being interposed; and if but three of its members are to judge of the sufficiency of the objection in the one case, or any one allowed to *question* it in the other, all hope of harmony would be dissipated, and ceaseless strife engendered. Our M. E. Companion decided wisely and correctly:—the one is a *rejection*—the other "the subject of investigation" in which every member of the Chapter may participate."

He regrets that we do not require a companion to have served previously as King or Scribe before electing him as High Priest, because of the fact that "in nearly all essentials," he regards the usages of our jurisdiction in harmony with those of his own; and for the further reason that "experience in one of the other offices is the best school" in which a High Priest can be trained "to rule and govern his Chapter with order and regularity." Of our action upon the Council degrees, he says:—

"They desire to accomplish the transfer believing it to be for the best interests and future prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry everywhere, but especially in California," but being constituent elements of the General Grand Chapter they await its action, and hope for it in 1880. Well, we admire sticking to law and order, and if they think it against the law of their superior, then they are justified in awaiting its permission."

He says the bodies in Virginia were consolidated in 1841, by simple "resolutions of relinquishment and resolutions of acceptance." Their Grand Chapter, however, was not a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, and no violation of the O. B. to "maintain and support its Constitution and regulations" was involved in the action had. With the regret that "time and space forbid" a longer continuance with his "Companions of the coast," he bids us "good night, or rather good morning;" to which we respond with a hearty good *morning*, also.

From the published summary we learn that there are thirty-six Chapters on the roll, *nine* of which failed to make returns, and that twenty are extinct. During the year ninety-eight were exalted, forty affiliated, seven were reinstated, and sixteen died. There were also sixty withdrawals and thirty-four suspensions. The number of Royal Arch Masons as per returns made, is fourteen hundred and eighty-six. No estimate is given of the membership of Chapters from which no returns were received.

The Grand High Priest, *M. E.* ALBERT SMITH LEE, and the Grand Secretary, *R. E.* WILLIAM BRYAN ISAACS, were both re-elected.

#### WISCONSIN.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin held its twenty-eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Milwaukee, on the nineteenth day of February, 1878,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM C. SWAIN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN W. WOODBULL being Grand Secretary. Five Past Grand High Priests and the representatives of fifty-two subordinate Chapters were present.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, though chiefly devoted to matters of local interest, is an able Masonic paper. In his opening, he bids a hearty welcome to the members of the Grand Chapter, and with fervent thanks to "God for the mercies received during the past year," he commends to them the "task of legislating for the future interests of the Craft."

The "roll of the dead" in the jurisdiction for the past year is not large, considering their numbers, "but it involves twenty-five broken homes and many mourners." He makes particular mention of Comp. MOSES STRONG, "not because he was more prominent than others, but because he was cut off in the morning of a life which promised great usefulness, while gallantly endeavoring to save the life of a companion." He also paid a fitting tribute to that "large-hearted and large-brained Masonic writer, scholar and gentleman, Comp. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY," of Missouri, for whom "the entire Masonic world mourns," and recommended that a mourning page be dedicated to his memory; which was accordingly ordered, and appears in the proceedings.

The remissness of Secretaries in not furnishing sufficient data "upon which to base memorials of deceased companions" is briefly alluded to as follows:—

"They should at least have sufficient respect for their dead, to record the dates of their death, and in many instances even that is neglected."

Two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters were granted; also seven special dispensations to elect officers at dates other than "those specified in the

By-Laws," and to ballot on the applications of candidates "on the same evenings upon which their petitions were received."

The following, under the head of "decisions," and subsequently approved by the Committee on Jurisprudence, were declared by the Grand Chapter to be the law of the jurisdiction on the subjects specified, viz. :—

"*First*.—Only a Present or Past High Priest is competent to install the officers of a Chapter.

"*Second*.—By the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of this State, a man who has lost one foot is ineligible for the Chapter degrees."

This decision, notwithstanding the indorsement of the committee and the adoption of their report, was, after a lengthy discussion, laid over until the next Annual Convocation. We are curious to know upon what ground it was laid over, if the Constitution is as stated.

"*Third*.—A Master Mason who has lost the forefinger of his left hand, is fully able to conform to the ritual of the degrees, and is eligible for the Chapter degrees."

The Grand High Priest declined to decide the question whether installation was necessary when an officer was re-elected, for the reason that he did not like to reverse the prevailing custom "of not re-installing re-elected officers." He denounced the custom, however, as tending "to encourage slipshod ways of managing Chapters," and recommended that the Grand Chapter authoritatively settle the question. In pursuance of which recommendation, the Committee on Jurisprudence submitted the following, which was adopted, viz. :—

"All the officers of a Chapter (whether re-elected or not) should be regularly installed each year."

The Grand High Priest favors the transfer of the Cryptic degrees to the Chapters, and devotes considerable space to the subject. He apparently bases his argument upon the fact that the General Grand Chapter, while fully cognizant of the action of Mississippi, did not even question the arrangement nor give to it expressions either of approval or disapproval ;—and he names California as one of the Grand Chapters which has since followed her example. In this he is mistaken. California has not adopted the unwise and irregular course of the Grand Chapter of Mississippi. She has simply given expression to her wish on the subject, and resolved to await the action of the General Grand Chapter, as every Grand Chapter who is a constituent of that Body, and whose members, like ours, have sworn to support its Constitution and laws, should do. Our Grand Chapter does not believe, nor claim, that any power is vested in her by which "absolution" from the binding force of O. B.'s voluntarily assumed, can be effected or obtained. On the contrary, we profess to be loyal to the powers that be, and *true to our vows* ; and any intimation that we are otherwise, is a reflection upon our Masonic integrity and honor that we cannot tamely submit to. We will effect the union legally and in keeping with the oaths we have taken, or we will not effect it at all. *Masonic perfury*, in order to accomplish a desired end, is not yet chargeable to the Masons of California.

The Grand Chapter of Wisconsin favorably considered the proposed transfer, and a committee appointed to act with a like committee of the Grand Council and agree upon a plan of union, submitted a report which was unanimously adopted, and subsequently carried into effect in the way provided. This action we sincerely regret, for reasons plainly apparent from what we have said above and elsewhere upon the subject. The report is as follows :—

"Your Special Committee appointed to confer with the committee appointed by the Grand Council of Wisconsin relative to transferring the Council Degrees to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, respectfully report that they have conferred with said Committee, and agreed upon the following recommendations:

"*First*. That the Council Degrees be received under the charge and control of the Grand Chapter.

"*Second*. That the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master be conferred upon all who are Royal Arch Masons at the date of the consummation of this plan, without charge.



"*Third.* That a committee of three be appointed by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest to act in conjunction with a similar committee from the Grand Council, to carry these recommendations into effect and to definitely settle all the preliminaries for the transfer of the degrees of the Council to the Chapter.

"*Fourth.* The arrangements entered into by this joint Committee, when approved by the Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter and the *M. J.* Grand Master of the Grand Council, and published to the several Chapters and Councils, shall be the law of this jurisdiction until otherwise ordered."

The report of the Grand Lecturer shows the condition of the Royal Craft in the jurisdiction to be prosperous, notwithstanding the general depression in business prevailing there as elsewhere. Twenty-two Chapters were visited by him, and much good accomplished. The conclusion of his report we gladly quote, and give to it our hearty approval. He says:—

"In these several visitations I have, so far as time would permit, not only taken pains to instruct and correct them in the work and lectures, to the end that a proper uniformity might be obtained and the degrees correctly conferred, but I have labored to impress upon them the necessity of thoroughly understanding the symbolism of each degree; the lessons designed to be taught; their solemnity and importance; that these were the things most essential, and should not be overlooked or forgotten. That the ritual should be pure and correct, and so applied to the work as to best illustrate and explain its interior teaching and significance. That all practices tending to lower the dignity and importance of Masonry should be carefully avoided, as being contrary to the spirit of the Constitution and in violation of the regulations of our own as well as that of the General Grand Chapter. These ideas and suggestions have, with scarcely an exception, met with the hearty approval of all. And when practiced have received general commendation, and in all the Chapters the sentiment is rapidly growing that everything which tends to lower the dignity of the institution or to render our solemn and impressive ceremonies a farce, should be carefully avoided."

A resolution that no High Priest elect shall be installed without a certificate from the Past High Priest of his Chapter, the Grand Lecturer or Grand High Priest, "that he is competent to preside and confer the degrees," was adopted.

Fraternal recognition was unanimously accorded to the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and her representative was cordially received, acknowledged, and placed upon the roll as such.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. J. P. C. COTTRELL, and contains a full and interesting review of the proceedings of thirty-five Grand Chapters, and of the General Grand Chapter; California for the year 1877 heading the list. Comp. COTTRELL evidently does not believe in the use of "scissors," as not a single extract is found in his report. A limited use of them, however, we approve, and therefore "clip" his opening under the head of California, in order to preserve in our records the compliment he pays to our "wisdom and experience." He says:—

"The twenty-third annual Convocation was held at San Francisco, April 10. 1877, with all the officers present, including the Grand Organist, who is now and properly a constitutional member of the body. Ten *P. G. H.* Priests were in attendance—and so wisdom and experience were there, assuring in advance, as the proceedings show was the fact, wise legislation, and especially in a constitutional provision that in election blanks shall not be counted as votes. Hereafter the timid or uncertain man who does not know whom to vote for will console himself in the reflection that he hasn't committed himself, and that his vote has been thrown away—while the modest man who wants the office himself, but cannot vote against himself, drops the unseen blank."

He then gives a concise statement of the principal decisions and recommendations of our *M. E.* A. G. ABELL, and of the general business of the Convocation,—approves of the strictures of our Grand Lecturer upon the "levity sometimes shown in the *R. A.* degree," and says that we "very properly, very masonically, and very charitably," adjudged that a Companion of fifteen years' standing who had contributed while able to do so, was not, by reason of present poverty, deprived of good standing, nor of his right to Masonic charity. The quotation first made, we think, warrants the conclusion we draw from his review of us;—that he evidently approves of all our doings. Accept thanks, Companion.

There are fifty-three subordinate Chapters on the roll of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin, with an aggregate membership of three thousand one hundred and thirty-three. During the year, one hundred and eighty-six were exalted, twenty-nine affiliated, one hundred and four dimitted, forty-two were suspended, and twenty-seven died. Receipts, \$2,727.75.

The *M. E.* OLIVER LIBBEY was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JOHN W. WOODHULL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

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Companions, our task is done. In our report we have carefully avoided the discussion of anything not considered by us of general interest to the Craft, and which in our opinion would not prove beneficial to the Masonic reader. Our effort has been to give a faithful outline of the business transacted at the late Convocations of our Sister Grand Chapters, and of the decisions rendered; together with such other facts as tend to show the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in the several jurisdictions reviewed. If we have succeeded, and if one Companion even shall find himself benefited, or his store of knowledge increased by reason of our report, we shall deem the time and labor it has cost amply rewarded.

All which is respectfully submitted by

THOMAS H. CASWELL,  
*For the Committee.*

The foregoing report was ordered to be published with the proceedings.

The Committee on Finances submitted reports in relation to the affairs and accounts of the late Grand Secretary, CHARLES LOUIS WIGGIN; and, on motion, the same were concurred in, ordered to be placed on file, and that they be not printed in the proceedings.

The Committee on Finances also presented a report on the "books, papers and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer," as follows:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Committee on Finance, beg leave to report that they have carefully and thoroughly examined the report, books, papers, and accounts of the Grand Secretary's office; have verified and compared them by the returns of the several subordinate Chapters, and the receipts of the Grand Treasurer. We find them to be correct in every particular.

We have also examined the report, books, papers, and accounts of the Grand Treasurer, carefully comparing them with the Grand Secretary's accounts, and find them to be correct.

The bond of the Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$6000, and of the Grand Treasurer, in the sum of \$10,000, have been placed in our hands for examination. We find them to be in proper form, and that they were filed with and approved by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest immediately after the close of the Convocation of 1878.

We herewith present a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Chapter for the year ending January 31st, 1879:—

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer,.....	\$3,993 06
Dues received from Subordinate Chapters,.....	3,524 00
Dispensation fee from <i>Ukiah</i> Chapter, U. D.,.....	75 00
Charter fee from <i>Ukiah</i> Chapter, No. 53,.....	50 00
For sale of five copies bound Proceedings of Grand Chapter,.....	10 00
For sale of fifteen Diplomas,.....	30 00
Dues from Comp. P. Lohman, <i>Forest</i> Chapter, No. 10, (extinct),.....	30 00
Dividends on Masonic Hall Stock, nine months,.....	675 00

Total amount of balance and receipts,.....\$8,387 06

## DISBURSEMENTS.

Expense of Delegates to Convocation of 1878.....	\$1,042 30
Expenses of Grand Officers " " .....	178 30
Salary of Grand Secretary.....	1,200 00
Salary of Grand Organist.....	25 00
Salary of Grand Guard and ice for Grand Chapter.....	27 25
Printing and binding proceedings 1868.....	763 19
Binding 100 volumes Grand Chapter proceedings, 5th volume.....	75 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's office.....	300 00
Contingent expenses of Grand Secretary's office, stationery, stamps, box rent, sundry printing, etc.....	158 60
Portrait and frame, P. G. H. P. Henry Hay Knapp.....	75 00
Regalia and jewels for Grand Lecturer and Grand Organist.....	70 00

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer.....\$3,909 64  
4,477 42

\$8,387 06

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MEAD, J. D. HINES, A. H. BRODER, J. O. PARTRIDGE, W. B. DAVIS,	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Committees:—

*On Charters:*

Comp. William Thompson Luther,  
" John Ambrose Seely,  
" Hiram Newton Rucker,  
" Michael James Keating,  
" Charles Fayette McGlashan.

*On By-Laws:*

Comp. William Buckley Davis,  
" Ianthis Jerome Rolfe,  
" James Singley,  
" John Thompson Kinkade,  
" Wilson Hays.

*On Returns:*

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell,  
" Thomas Cross Pockman,  
" Samuel Prager,  
" John Ranshaw Lockwood,  
" George Edward Childs.

*On Grievances:*

Comp. Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,  
" George Alexander McKenzie,  
" George Churchill McKinley,  
" John William Bird,  
" Edward Taylor Anthony.

*On Payment of Delegates:*

Comp. James Doda,  
" John Crisp Coleman,  
" Samuel Doncaster,  
" William George Hudson,  
" Daniel Porter Bystle.

The Grand Lecturer gave notice that he would exemplify the work in the Mark Master's degree this evening at half past seven o'clock.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until half past seven o'clock this evening.

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## In Grand Chapter.

EVENING SESSION,  
*Tuesday, April 8, A. I. 2409.* }

The Grand Chapter was called on at seven and a half o'clock, the Grand King, the R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN presiding.

The Grand Lecturer exemplified the work in the Mark Master's degree.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

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## In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION,  
*Wednesday April 9th, A. I. 2409.* }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

The Committee on Credentials reported the following named Companions as present and entitled to seats, viz.:—

Comp. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, Past High Priest, and proxy for High Priest of *Sonora* Chapter, No. 2, and Companions ISAAC SUTVENN TITUS and JOHN KIRKPATRICK, Past Grand High Priests.

Comp. JONATHAN DOAN HINES, from the special committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your special committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, have read and considered the same, and respectfully recommend that so much as refers—

To dispensation for a Chapter at Ukiah, be referred to the Committee on Charters; so much as relates to proposed amendments to By-Laws, approved by the Grand High Priest; to the approval of the By-Laws of *Lakeport* and *Ukiah* Chapters, and to the refusal of the Grand High Priest to approve a proposed amendment to the By-Laws of *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, be referred to the *Committee on By-Laws*:

To the Committee on Finances—So much as relates to the financial affairs of the Grand Chapter, and the bonds of Grand Officers.

And we further recommend, that those portions of the Address relating to granting a diploma to a Royal Arch Mason not a member of a Chapter; to membership in a Lodge being indispensable to good standing in the Chapter; to the manner of voting in a Chapter; to the prerequisites necessary to authorize the Grand High Priest to consider and act upon proposed amendments to By-Laws; to the power of the Grand High Priest to grant dispensations to re-ballot on the petition of rejected candidates, and the rulings and suggestions in relation thereto; to the question as to the legality of balloting and transacting regular business at two or more stated meetings per month, and the rulings thereon; the decision of the Grand High Priest in relation to laying an application for membership on the table after repeated applications had been made and balloted on without results; the application of PETER LOHMAN, a suspended member of the late *Forest* Chapter, No. 10, to be reinstated by the Grand Chapter on the payment of \$30 back dues; together with all other decisions and suggestions of the Grand High Priest relating to Masonic law and usage, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Your committee heartily concur in the Grand High Priest's recommendation of the "Hand Book of the Chapter," compiled and prepared by the Grand Lecturer, THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, and unite with him in bearing testimony to its completeness, convenience, and usefulness to the Craft, and we recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That the "Hand Book of the Chapter," prepared by Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, be adopted as the standard text book of the jurisdiction of California.

Having apportioned among the various committees the several matters of business referred to or recommended in this Address, your committee feel that they ought to close this report, because its author is too well known and appreciated in this jurisdiction to need the compliment of a deserved eulogy, and we are too sensible of our inability to suppose that by our commendation we can add anything to the high character of this admirable Address—pure in style, elevated in sentiment, full of fraternal admonition, with such devotion to the interests of the Craft, and evincing so much patience and industry in the discharge of official labor,—while challenging our admiration, it plainly, but pleasantly points out the path of individual Masonic duty.

A paper so full of valuable Masonic suggestions, and so replete with eloquent and interesting instruction to the Craft cannot fail, upon its own merits, to secure frequent and careful reading from every Mason throughout this jurisdiction, and, indeed, wherever devotion, fidelity, and zeal are revered among the Royal Craft.

All which is respectfully submitted by

JONATHAN DOAN HINES, }  
HENRY WANGENHEIM, } *Committee.*  
CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, }

Which report was concurred in, the references therein made were ordered as recommended, and the accompanying resolution was unanimously adopted.

Comp. **WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER**, from the Committee on Charters, presented the following report :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your Committee on Charters, to whom were referred the Record Books of *Ukiah* Chapter under dispensation, together with the petition for its perpetuation by charter, respectfully report: That they have carefully examined the records of said Chapter, and find them neatly and correctly kept; and that all its acts appear to be in strict accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

The petitioners having fully complied with the law and regulations of this Grand Chapter, we recommend the adoption of the following :

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted to *Ukiah* Chapter, at Ukiah, Mendocino County, and that it be numbered on the register of this Grand Chapter as No. 53.

*Lakeport* Chapter, under dispensation, having failed to make return of its dispensation and records as required by the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and having presented no petition for its continuance or for its perpetuation by charter, nor in fact done anything which the laws and regulations of this jurisdiction require shall be done, we therefore submit the following resolutions and recommend their adoption :—

*Resolved*, That *Lakeport* Chapter, under dispensation, be required to make immediate returns to the Grand Secretary of all its work and doings to the first day of April of the present year; and that it pay all dues for members, and for degrees conferred, to the Grand Secretary, as by law is required.

*Resolved*, That when such payment and return shall have been made, the Grand High Priest, if he deems that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby, may continue the dispensation to *Lakeport* Chapter until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted by

<b>WILLIAM T. LUTHER,</b> <b>JOHN A. SEELY,</b> <b>CHARLES F. MCGLASHAN,</b> <b>HIRAM N. RUCKER,</b> <b>MICHAEL J. KEATING,</b>	}	<i>Committee.</i>
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Which report was concurred in and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

Comp. **WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS**, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your Committee on By-Laws, to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest which relates to the amendments to the By-Laws of various subordinate Chapters, have carefully considered the same and respectfully report as follows :—

We find that the amendments to the By-Laws of *Delta* Chapter, No. 27, *Santa Cruz* Chapter, No. 38, *Visalia* Chapter, No. 44, and *Humboldt* Chapter, No. 52, relate to the times of meeting of said Chapters; and those of *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, *Siloam*, No. 37, and *Humboldt*, No. 52, relate to the reduction of fees for the degrees. That all the above changes are in conformity with the Constitution, and, having been approved by the Grand High Priest, we would recommend that they be approved by this Grand Chapter.

We have also examined the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of *Lassen* Chapter, No. 47, which provides for the abolishing of the affiliation fee, and recommend its approval. Also the By-Laws of *Ukiah* Chapter under dispensation, being the uniform code prescribed by the Grand Chapter, we recommend that they be approved.

With reference to that portion of the Address of the Grand High Priest which relates to the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of *San Francisco Chapter, No. 1*, providing for the creation of a board of trustees to manage and invest its funds, your committee are of opinion that a question is involved which is more properly within the province of another committee to decide; we therefore recommend that that portion of the Address be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

All which is respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM B. DAVIS,	} Committee.
LANTHIS J. ROLFE,	
JAMES SINGLEY,	
JOHN T. KINKADE,	
WILSON HAYS,	

Which report was concurred in and the reference made as therein recommended.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report:—

To the *M. E. Grand Chapter of California*:—

The undersigned respectfully report that returns from all the Chapters, except *Lakeport Chapter, U. D.*, have been received, and that, although in many of them, as is usual, some few errors have occurred, these errors have been promptly corrected when called to the attention of the Secretaries.

The amounts of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows:—

	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total
<i>San Francisco, No. 1</i> ,.....	\$186 00	\$113 00	\$279 00
<i>Sonora, " 2</i> ,.....	25 00	25 00	50 00
<i>Sacramento, " 3</i> ,.....	128 00	90 00	218 00
<i>California, " 5</i> ,.....	156 00	128 00	284 00
<i>Nevada, " 6</i> ,.....	30 50	27 50	58 00
<i>Benicia, " 7</i> ,.....	8 50	8 50	17 00
<i>Shasta, " 9</i> ,.....	48 00	24 00	72 00
<i>Sutter, " 11</i> ,.....	40 00	31 00	71 00
<i>Merced, " 12</i> ,.....	19 50	17 50	37 00
<i>Washington, " 13</i> ,.....	75 50	55 50	131 00
<i>Howard, " 14</i> ,.....	40 50	40 50	81 00
<i>Cyrus, " 15</i> ,.....	19 00	19 00	38 00
<i>Saint James, " 16</i> ,.....	20 50	20 50	41 00
<i>Libanus, " 17</i> ,.....	28 50	16 50	45 00
<i>Grass Valley, " 18</i> ,.....	38 50	38 50	77 00
<i>Trinity, " 19</i> ,.....	15 00	15 00	30 00
<i>Franklin, " 20</i> ,.....	30 50	24 50	55 00
<i>Sierra, " 21</i> ,.....	26 50	19 50	46 00
<i>Petaluma, " 22</i> ,.....	58 00	27 00	85 00
<i>Oliver, " 23</i> ,.....	14 00	14 00	28 00
<i>La Fayette, " 24</i> ,.....	23 50	11 50	35 00
<i>Georgetown, " 25</i> ,.....	16 00	16 00	32 00
<i>Oakland, " 26</i> ,.....	46 00	34 00	80 00
<i>Delta, " 27</i> ,.....	32 50	21 50	54 00
<i>Stockton, " 28</i> ,.....	31 50	29 50	61 00
<i>Manzanita, " 29</i> ,.....	41 50	28 50	70 00
<i>Napa, " 30</i> ,.....	22 00	20 00	42 00
<i>Martinez, " 31</i> ,.....	32 00	20 00	52 00

		Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>Los Angeles</i> , No. 33, .....		61 50	34 50	\$ 96 00
<i>Alturas</i> , " 34, .....		16 00	16 00	32 00
<i>Naval</i> , " 35, .....		51 00	46 00	97 00
<i>Alameda</i> , " 36, .....		60 00	48 00	108 00
<i>Siloam</i> , " 37, .....		22 00	21 00	43 00
<i>Santa Cruz</i> , " 38, .....		18 00	15 00	33 00
<i>Donner</i> , " 39, .....		40 50	26 50	67 00
<i>Red Bluff</i> , " 40, .....		57 50	25 50	83 00
<i>Temple</i> , " 41, .....		23 50	23 50	47 00
<i>Chico</i> , " 42, .....		30 50	30 50	61 00
<i>Solano</i> , " 43, .....		20 00	20 00	40 00
<i>Visalia</i> , " 44, .....		27 50	19 50	47 00
<i>Santa Rosa</i> , " 45, .....		121 50	49 50	171 00
<i>Woodland</i> , " 46, .....		34 50	28 50	63 00
<i>Lassen</i> , " 47, .....		54 50	28 50	83 00
<i>Dixon</i> , " 48, .....		29 00	23 00	52 00
<i>Modesto</i> , " 49, .....		17 00	13 00	30 00
<i>Ventura</i> , " 50, .....		15 50	15 50	31 00
<i>Corinthian</i> , " 51, .....		27 50	15 50	43 00
<i>Humboldt</i> , " 52, .....		41 00	16 00	57 00
<i>Lakeport</i> , U. D., .....				
<i>Ukiah</i> , U. D., .....		60 00	11 00	71 00
Making a total of.....		\$2061 50	\$1462 50	\$3524 00

All which is respectfully submitted by

THOMAS H. CASWELL, THOMAS O. POCKMAN, SAMUEL PRAGER, JOHN R. LOCKWOOD, GEORGE E. CHILDS,	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

The hour for the special order—being the election of Grand Officers—having arrived, the Grand High Priest appointed Comps. WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER and THOMAS CROSS POCKMAN to act as tellers, and the election proceeded, with the following result :—

The M. E. NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING was elected Grand High Priest;  
 " R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;  
 " R. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME was elected Grand King;  
 " R. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE was elected Grand Scribe;  
 " R. E. HIRAM THEOOF GRAVES was elected Grand Treasurer;  
 " R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report :—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—

In presenting the estimate of appropriations for the ensuing year, the Finance Committee desire to state briefly their reasons for the increase of some items.

1st. In regard to the proposed increase of the salary of the Grand Secretary, we are well satisfied that the present salary is not fair compensation for the services rendered the Grand Chapter. In addition to the duties of the office proper, the Grand



Secretary is charged with the preparation of the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, a task requiring a great deal of time and experience. We think the Grand Chapter is willing to pay for this, and we think they believe, with us, that good work, in both positions, deserves fair pay.

2d. The office now occupied by the Grand Secretary is a part of the office-room of the Secretary of the Grand Lodge, and experience has shown that such joint occupation is not only inconvenient, but in fact often interferes with the proper transaction of the business of his office, to say nothing of the safe keeping of the books and papers of this Grand Chapter. The necessary expenses of fitting up the proposed office, to enable him to transact the business of the Grand Chapter in a satisfactory and business-like way, are light. The Grand Chapter has a fund of over \$4000 on hand, exclusive of the amount invested in Masonic Hall Association stock, and we think a portion of this fund could be used to good advantage in the manner proposed.

We therefore recommend that the Grand Secretary be authorized to make the proposed change of office, and to have the necessary furniture and fixtures placed therein.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations for the year ending January 31st, 1880:—

Expenses of Delegates, session of 1879 .....	\$1,068 80
Expenses of Grand Officers, session of 1879 .....	151 30
Salary of Grand Secretary, and as Chairman of Com. on Cor.....	1,800 00
Salary of Grand Organist .....	25 00
Salary of Grand Guard .....	25 00
For Printing and Binding Proceedings of 1879 ...	750 00
For Contingent Expenses of Grand Secretary's Office .....	125 00
For Furniture, Cases, etc., Grand Secretary's Office.....	200 00
For Rent of Grand Secretary's Office.....	300 00
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	\$4,445 10

All which is respectfully submitted,

F. D. MEAD, J. C. PARTRIDGE, J. D. HINES, W. B. DAVIS, A. H. BRODER,	} Committee.

Which report was concurred in and the recommendations adopted.

Comp. JAMES DODS, from the Committee on Payment of Delegates, presented the following report:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

Your committee to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund have performed the duty assigned them, and recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the delegates of the Chapters represented:—

<i>San Francisco,</i>	No. 1.....	\$113 00....	Paid.....	1st day.....	\$ 6 00
<i>Sonora,</i>	" 2.....	25 00....	Paid.....	" .....	27 00
<i>Sacramento,</i>	" 3.....	90 00....	Paid.....	" .....	14 00
<i>California,</i>	" 5.....	128 00....	Paid.....	" .....	6 00
<i>Nevada,</i>	" 6.....	27 50....	Paid.....	" .....	26 00
<i>Benicia,</i>	" 7.....	8 50....	Paid.....	" .....	8 00
<i>Shasta,</i>	" 9.....	24 00....	Paid.....	" .....	34 50
<i>Sutter,</i>	" 11.....	31 00....	Paid.....	" .....	24 00
<i>Merced,</i>	" 12.....	17 50....	Paid.....	" .....	21 00
<i>Washington,</i>	" 13.....	55 50....	Paid.....	" .....	17 00
<i>Howard,</i>	" 14.....	40 50....	Paid.....	" .....	10 00
<i>Cyrus,</i>	" 15.....	19 00....	Paid.....	" .....	71 00

<i>St. James,</i>	No. 16.....	20 50....	Paid.....	1st day.....	\$25 00
<i>Libanus,</i>	" 17.....	16 50....	Paid.....	" .....	27 50
<i>Grass Valley,</i>	" 18.....	38 50....	Paid.....	" .....	25 00
<i>Trinity,</i>	" 19.....	15 00....	Paid.....	" .....	6 00
<i>Franklin,</i>	" 20.....	24 50....	Paid.....	" .....	21 00
<i>Sierra,</i>	" 21.....	19 50....	Paid.....	" .....	56 00
<i>Petaluma,</i>	" 22.....	27 00....	Paid.....	" .....	9 00
<i>Oliver,</i>	" 23.....	14 00....	Paid.....	" .....	—
<i>La Fayette,</i>	" 24.....	11 50....	Paid.....	" .....	41 00
<i>Georgetown,</i>	" 25.....	16 00....	Paid.....	" .....	25 00
<i>Oakland,</i>	" 26.....	34 00....	Paid.....	" .....	—
<i>Delta,</i>	" 27.....	21 50....	Paid.....	" .....	20 00
<i>Stockton,</i>	" 28.....	29 50....	Paid.....	" .....	13 00
<i>Manzanita,</i>	" 29.....	28 50....	Paid.....	" .....	31 00
<i>Napa,</i>	" 30.....	20 00....	Paid.....	" .....	10 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	" 31.....	20 00....	Paid.....	" .....	8 00
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	" 33.....	34 50....	Paid.....	" .....	57 00
<i>Alturas,</i>	" 34.....	16 00....	Paid.....	" .....	60 00
<i>Naval,</i>	" 35.....	46 00....	Paid.....	" .....	8 00
<i>Alameda,</i>	" 36.....	48 00....	Paid.....	" .....	6 30
<i>Siloam,</i>	" 37.....	21 00....	Paid.....	" .....	21 50
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	" 38.....	15 00....	Paid.....	" .....	18 00
<i>Donner,</i>	" 39.....	26 50....	Paid.....	" .....	36 50
<i>Red Bluff,</i>	" 40.....	25 50....	Paid.....	" .....	—
<i>Temple,</i>	" 41.....	23 50....	Paid.....	" .....	16 00
<i>Chico,</i>	" 42.....	30 50....	Paid.....	" .....	23 00
<i>Solano,</i>	" 43.....	20 00....	Paid.....	" .....	—
<i>Visalia,</i>	" 44.....	19 50....	Paid.....	" .....	39 00
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	" 45.....	49 50....	Paid.....	" .....	—
<i>Woodland,</i>	" 46.....	28 50....	Paid.....	" .....	14 50
<i>Lassen,</i>	" 47.....	28 50....	Paid.....	" .....	67 00
<i>Dixon,</i>	" 48.....	23 00....	Paid.....	" .....	12 00
<i>Modesto,</i>	" 49.....	13 00....	Paid.....	" .....	—
<i>Ventura,</i>	" 50.....	15 50....	Paid.....	" .....	30 00
<i>Corinthian,</i>	" 51.....	15 50....	Paid.....	" .....	54 00
<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 52.....	16 00....	Paid.....	" .....	—
<i>Lakeport,</i>	U. D.....	—	—	" .....	—
<i>Ukiah,</i>	U. D.....	11 00....	Paid.....	" .....	21 00
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					\$1462 50
					\$1068 80

They also recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the Grand Officers in attendance, viz.: to the—

Grand High Priest.....	\$10 00	Grand Scribe.....	\$57 00
Deputy Grand High Priest.....	6 30	Grand Royal Arch Captain, 14 00	
Grand King.....	46 00		

Amount allowed to Grand Officers.....	\$151 30
Amount allowed to delegates.....	1068 80

Total amount of allowances.....\$1220 10

All which is respectfully submitted by

JAMES DODS, JOHN C. COLEMAN, SAMUEL DONCASTER, DANIEL P. BYSTLE, WILLIAM G. HUDSON,	} Committee.
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Which, on motion of Comp. CHARLES FAYETTE LOTT, was amended by adding the sum of three dollars per diem for Grand Officers and for one delegate from each Chapter represented on the first day of the session.

The report as amended was then adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

## In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Wednesday, April 9th, A. I. 2409. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

On motion of Comp. JONATHAN DOAN HINES, it was ordered that the members of the Committee on Finances who were in attendance at the office of the Grand Secretary to inquire into the affairs of the late Grand Secretary, WIGGIN, as directed by the Grand Chapter at its last Annual Convocation, be paid for such attendance the same mileage and per diem as is paid to delegates of Chapters.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following reports:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the several decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest as set forth in his Address, respectfully report—

In the matter granting diplomas to Royal Arch Masons not members of Chapters:

Of membership in a Lodge being indispensable to good standing in a Chapter:

In the manner of voting in a Chapter:

In the matter of conforming to all the prerequisites in amendment of By-Laws before the consideration thereof:

In reference to power of Grand High Priest to authorize re-ballotings for rejected candidates:

Referring to the legality of transacting business at two or more stated meetings during the same month:

Referring to action of a Chapter in declining to ballot upon the application of a Royal Arch Mason, when legally presented:

And in all matters pertaining to the financial investigations and the results thereof during his term of office, his action meets our entire approval, and we commend his decisions as thoroughly in accord with our written law upon the various matters considered.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES, GEORGE T. GRIMES, JACOB HART NEFF, HENRY H. KNAPP, THOMAS A. BROWN,	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the Grand High Priest which relates to the restoration of PETER LOHMAN, a former member of the late *Forest* Chapter, No. 10, and who at the time of the surrender of its charter stood suspended for non-payment of dues, having carefully considered the same, report as follows :—

We believe with the M. E. Grand High Priest that it is within the province of the Grand Chapter, as succeeding to all the powers of the late *Forest* Chapter, to direct the Grand Secretary, upon the receipt of the thirty dollars tendered, to issue the desired certificate, restoring said LOHMAN to all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. From the circumstances detailed to us the memorialist is a man who sustains a good reputation in the community in which he resides—has suffered from the infliction of the penalty for many years, perhaps from no other fault than neglect caused by financial distress, and which the circumstance of the surrender of its charter by *Forest* Chapter, No. 10, has operated to convert into the severest punishment.

Your committee therefore offer the following resolution and recommend its adoption :—

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary be directed, upon the payment of thirty dollars, to issue to PETER LOHMAN, a former member of the late *Forest* Chapter, No. 10, a certificate of reinstatement to all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.

All which is respectfully submitted.

WILLIAM A. DAVIES,	} Committee.
GEORGE T. GRIMES,	
J. H. NEFF,	
H. H. KNAPP,	
THOMAS A. BROWN,	

Which report was concurred in and the accompanying resolution was adopted.

Comp. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, from the same committee, presented the following majority report :—

*In the matter of the amendment of By-Laws of San Francisco Chapter—*

Your committee dissent from the decision of the M. E. Grand High Priest in reference to the desire of *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, to add to the security of its funds by amendment of its By-Laws, the object to be attained being purely a business proposition, that by creating a system of checks and balances, through the election of three trustees, and the designation by the Chapter of its depository, they may place beyond ordinary risk their Charity Fund. The M. E. Grand High Priest believes that these duties should be performed by the Secretary and Treasurer, who should be selected with especial reference to their fitness for such trusts, and further expresses his desire, as far as practicable, to preserve the uniform code in all matters pertaining to the By-Laws necessary to govern a Chapter. Your committee regret to disagree with the M. E. Grand High Priest in this matter, but believing that there are rights reserved to the constituent Chapters, and that one of the most important of these rights is the power to dispose of, and most especially to protect and secure the funds intrusted to it by its members, and believing that this right should not be sacrificed for a desire for uniformity, and that the members of a Chapter are the best judges of the guards necessary to be thrown around their treasury,

we respectfully recommend that the decision of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest be not concurred in, and that the amendments adopted by *San Francisco Chapter* be and they are hereby approved.

All which is respectfully submitted by

WILLIAM A. DAVIES, }  
JACOB H. NEFF, } Committee.  
THOMAS A. BROWN, }

Which report, after a lengthy discussion, was non-concurred in, and the following resolution, proposed by Comp. ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, was adopted :—

*Resolved*, That in the case of the proposed amendment to the By-Laws of *San Francisco Chapter*, No. 1, the decision of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest be approved.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, for the purpose of carrying into effect the recommendation of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, presented the following preamble and resolution, which, on motion, were unanimously adopted, viz.:—

WHEREAS, Several of the Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons for non-payment of dues, is not suspended in his Chapter, but continues a member in good standing of the same, with all its rights and privileges; and

WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter desires to emphatically declare the foregoing to be a violation of Masonic law and usage, and gives countenance to suspended Masons; therefore be it

*Resolved*, That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

The Grand High Priest elect announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz.: as

Grand Chaplain,.....	Comp. SAMUEL GRAVES,.....	of California, No. 5;
Grand Lecturer,.....	" THOMAS H. CASWELL,.....	of Nevada, No. 6;
Grand Captain of the Host,..	" LEONIDAS E. PRATT,.....	of California, No. 5;
Grand Royal Arch Captain..	" JOHN C. PATRIDGE,.....	of Lassen, No. 47;
Grand Organist,.....	" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....	of California, No. 5;
Grand Guard,.....	" ISA COLBURN ROOT,.....	of California, No. 5.

The newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were then duly installed in their respective stations by the *M. E.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by the *M. E.* WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, Past Grand High Priest, as master of the ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. HENRY SAYRE ORME, the *M. E.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, Past Grand High Priest, was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing committees for the ensuing year :—

*On Jurisprudence:*

Comp. William Abraham Davies,  
" George Tuttle Grimes,  
" Jacob Hart Neff,  
" Henry Hay Knapp,  
" John Mills Browne.

*On Finances:*

Comp. Frank Douglas Mead,  
" Andrew Henderson Broder,  
" James Dods,  
" John Orisp Coleman,  
" Henry Wangenheim.

*On Correspondence:*

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell,  
" Jonathan Doan Hines,  
" Silas Montgomery Buck,  
" Charles Fayette Lott,  
" Joseph Fairbanks Wendell.

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Imple Form*.

NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING,

*Grand High Priest.*

ATTEST:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

### GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

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1. The Degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates, notwithstanding that they may have previously had a degree of that name conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

2. All the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in the conferring of degrees, to conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its special Convocation, in September, 1855.

3. Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a Book of Marks, kept by the Chapter for that purpose, and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.

4. The term "nearest Chapter," used in the Constitution, means the nearest by geographical measurement.

5. No Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason, for any cause.

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

7. Whenever two or more Chapters exist in any city or town within this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of each of such Chapters to notify the other or others, existing in the same place, of all applications presented to it for the degrees.

8. When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of said report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

9. No petition for the degrees, or application for membership, shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and, in the annual reports of the subordinate Chapters, the given name or names of every member or others upon their rolls, shall be given in full.

10. The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

11. From and after the first day of December, 1874, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.

12. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be, simply, that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary.

13. That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."



# RULES OF ORDER

## OF THE

### GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

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**RULE 1.** When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

**RULE 2.** After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with: the Address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named: and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

**RULE 3.** After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials, and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

**RULE 4.** All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

**RULE 5.** No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered, was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

**RULE 6.** When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

**RULE 7.** These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

# RETURNS

## OF THE

### SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS,

#### UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

# GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

A. I. 2409.



### SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Stated meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.*

#### OFFICERS :

Henry Wangenheim, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Duncan Montrose Wilson, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Edward Taylor Anthony, <i>King</i> ,	George Edward Jones, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i>
Michael James Keating, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Lorenzo Nickel, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Clement, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Leonard Reynolds, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Swift, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Chase Hall, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Isaac Philanson Kincaid, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Gilbert, <i>Guard</i> .

#### Past High Priests:

John Dunbar Creigh, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	John Rudolph Jarboe,	Samuel Sternheim,
Adolphus Hollub, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Milton Hills Myrick,	Alfred Rising,
Louis Cohn,	Stewart Menzies,	Henry Wangenheim.
Martin John Burke,	Theodore Edward Smith,	

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Allenberg, Charles	Browell, Jeremiah	Cohen, Simon
Anderson, Thomas	Brown, Brainard Charles	Congdon, Henry Bliss
Arnheim, Samuel Siegmund	Bryan, William	Connelly, James Edward
Baldwin, James Waterman	Bryan, Thomas	Cooper, William
Baum, Simon	Burnham, James Williams	Craig, James
Behrendt, Herman	Burns, Henry Jameson	Craig, Peter
Berggren, August	Caro, Samuel	Cressy, Albert
Bergson, Ole	Carson, James Gilmore	Curry, John
Bilty, Theodore George	Carpenter, Augustine Dyer	Curry, Nathaniel
Black, Henry Melvin	Chase, Charles Metaphor	Daneri, Antonio
Blankenstein, Henry	Christy, Robert Francis	Daniel, John
Bosworth, Henry Martyn	Clinch, Charles Godfrey	Davis, Henry Laurens
Bradbury, Wm. Blackstone	Cogswell, Jas. La Fayette	Doane, John Osbourne
Brandenstein, Meyer	Cohen, Henry Lyon	Doane, Sharon Pratt

Douthitt, David William	Kohlman, Solomon	Poly, Louis
Drucker, August	Kohn, Isaac	Prag, Martin
Dusenberg, Louis	Lardner, Henry Francis	Prescott, Charles Josephus
Edgar, William Mathews	Lauden, Martin Kuttner	Prince, Henry Gilman
Edwards, Henry	Lengfeld, Abraham Lewis	Purfurst, August Bernhardt
Einstein, Morris	Leviston, George	Quirk, Thomas Francis
Eisenberg, Julius	Levy, Jacob	Reinhart, Benjamin
Elfelt, Joseph	Levy, Morris Bernhard	Richards, Charles Wesley
Enricht, Louis	Levinaky, Mark	Richards, Charles West, Jr.
Emanuel, Emanuel	Lewis, William	Ritter, Charles August
Esberg, Mendel	Lucas, Robert Hume	Roberts, John Charles
Ewing, Charles Grey	Luchsinger, John Jacob	Robinson, Cornel's Preston
Fisher, Henry James	Madison, John Henry	Robitscheck, Herman
Flatau, Louis	Makins, James Nicholas	Rosenbaum, Joseph
Foorman, Samuel	Manheim, Isaac	Rosenbaum, Julius
Fox, Otto	Manzur, Lonson Martin	Rosenbaum, Moses
Frank, Emanuel Max	Markewitz, Augustus	Ross, Daniel W
Franz, Bernhard	Mayer, S Julius	Saalburg, William
Frapolli, Baptiste	McAllister, William Francis	Samuels, David
Fried, Ignatius S	McDonald, Robert	Sanborn, Albion Irving
Friedberg, Morris Solomon	McKew, John	Saulman, August
Friedlander, Moritz	McKenzie, John Ross	Sawyer, Lorenzo
Fuller, Andrew Henry	McLeod, Andrew Jackson	Scharlin, John Aaron
Gallagher, Edward M	McLeod, James	Schoenfeld, Jacob
Gay, John Gilmore	McQuesten, Charles	Schoenfeld, Louis Simon
Gerhow, Frederick	Mead, Lewis Riedon	Schweitzer, Morris
Gerstenberg, Henry	Mendelson, Solomon	Schweitzer, Jacob
Getz, Bernhard	Meyer, Charles	Seiler, Paul
Getz, Joseph	Michaels, Aaron William	Seitz, George
Getz, Louis	Mohrhardt, Philip Frederick	Selleck, Silas
Getz, Solomon	Moore, Thomas	Smith, Charles Ward
Giacomini, Giovanni Dom.	Moraghan, Michael Bolan	Solomon, Albert
Giamboni, Natale	Mosgrove, Samuel	Spaulding, George
Gianettoni, Malachia	Murphy, John Charles	Sprague, Rufus William Jr.
Goldberg, Jacob	Myers, William	Steffani, Camillo
Gordon, James Edward	Nagle, Peter Buck	Stuart, William Adams
Greenberg, Samuel Henry	Newbauer, Herman Wolf	Sweet, Solomon
Greenberg, Henry Sampson	Newberger, Gustavus	Taubles, Maximillian
Gruenberg, Max	Newfield, Marcus	Thornhill, Joseph
Hawes, Elisha	Newhall, Henry Mayo	Todd, David Byron
Hawley, James Augustus	Newhall, Henry Cheever	Treat, George
Hayes, George Walfred	Newman, Carleton	Triest, Bernhard
Herzo, John	Newman, Isaac	Van Vlack, Gilbert James
Huntoon, Isaac Davenport	Nicolaysen, Frank	Voight, Christian Heinrich
Jacoby, Augustus	Nutsen, Charles Andrew	Von Aspern, John
Johnson, Henry	O'Neill, Robert	Waters, Charles
Jones, William	Parker, John Henry	Wedekind, George Louis
Jordon, Dennis	Pearson, Henry Haven	Weed, Alexander
Kelly, Robert Price	Penhallow, DeBlois Pearce	Whiting, Henry Herpeine
Kenitzer, Henry	Penlington, George	Williams, Henry
Kerr, James Patterson	Penny, James Crymes	Wilsinski, Marks
King, Robert Irvine	Phillips, Wm. Armstrong	Wood, Andrew Bunker
Kittridge, Jonathan	Pippey, Robert Norman	Wormser, Louis
Kline, Henry	Plummer, Benjamin Lucans	Wurkheim, Morris.—226.

Andross, Moses Chamber'n	Fuller, James Monroe	Patterson, Archibald
Bach, William Francis	Haslacher, Jacob	Reed, Abner
Bacon, Martin	Klein, Conrad	Sivening, Henry
Barlow, Abraham	Lampson, Royal Mills	Sharrock, Edward
Beach, John Carter	Mathews, James	Stinson, James
Brown, Gurdon	Mann, John Christian	Valpey, Abraham Morton
Booth, James Godfrey	Means, Andrew Jackson	Wilson, Richard Montgom'y
Byrd, Francis Jahew	Mitchell, Frederick Francis	Winnie, George
Calhoun, Henry Clay	Mundorf, John	Wade, Charles Frederick
Collins, John	Oppenheimer, Benjamin	Wykoff, William—50.
Foesterling, Louis Jr.	Parsons, Edmond	

## DIED :

Mayer, Willis—1.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....51	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll .....50—51.

## SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

*Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

William Buckley Davis, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Wm. Smith Hunt, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Mortimer Coglean, <i>King</i> ,	Wm. Rowland Jones, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Edwin Glover, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Wm. Edward Oughton, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Anthony Egl, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Joseph Davey, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Alfred Augustus Redington, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John William Staneart, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Frederick Conrad Stober, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	George Frederick Bronner, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Jas. L. English, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Geo. Howard Winterburn,	William Buckley Davis,
William Franklin Knox,	Powell Samuel Lawson,	John Chilton Burch,
Francis Foster,	William Monroe Petrie,	Creed Haymond.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Oliver Miller	Cooledge, Isaac Baldwin	Frost, Amos Locke
Alexander, Benj. Franklin	Cook, Frank Herbert	Gallatin, Albert
Allen, John Francis	Cook, Hiram	Gerson, Samuel
Allen, Robert	Crocker, Henry Smith	Gillis, Dougald
Arrasmith, Vernon	Croly, Edward James	Giraud, Eugene
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Cunningham, John Austin	Gonnet, Adrien
Bair, Darius H	Dale, Richard	Griffiths, John T
Ball, Charles Henry	Davis, Jacob Zeigler	Haines, Gabriel
Bartels, William	Davis, William Hewson	Hamilton, Chas. Alexander
Barrett, John William	Day, James Thompson	Hammer, Luther Kent
Bauquier, Joseph	Dennerly, Bernard	Harbison, John S.
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin	Dennerly, Alphonse	Harmon, Rufus Burnham
Berkey, Thomas Henry	Densen, Samuel Crawford	Harper, Thomas
Bliss, Sidney	Domingos, John	Harris, Elias Bramon
Block, Maurice	Dresher, Valentine	Harris, Thomas Spencer
Brewington, Benj. Smith	Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Harrison, Hamilton Carter
Brougham, Frederick P.	Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Haskell, Dudley Haines
Bryding, Peter	Eickhoff, John Henry	Hawk, Elbridge L
Burnham, James Henry	Feldheim, Nathan G.	Hawkins, William
Bush, George Thompson	Fillmore, Jerome Adolph	Hevener, William Henry
Calderwood, Job Francis	Forbes, Robert	Hillier, Theodore
Carlson, Edward	Foster, James Staneart	Hoag, William Moffit
Champlin, Nelson	Foy, Frederick Matthias	Hoehn, Jacob
Choquette, Calixte	Foy, Wm. Robinson Smith	Holmes, Henry T
Clark, Thomas William	Frank, Samuel	Hubbs, Anthony
Oluness, William Robert	Frazee, Robert Smith	Huggins, Henri Tyler

Hull, Joseph	Marvin, Frank William	Smith, Frank Augustus
Hyman, Jacob, Sr.	Merrill, John F.	Smith, Thomas
Hyman, Jacob, Jr.	McConnell, Thomas	Spinks, Alfred
Invalle, John Joseph	McCormack, Charles	Starr, Erwin Platt
Irvine, William John	McLaughlin, William	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer
Jagau, Hans Bernhard Wm.	Miller, Peter Andrew	Taverner, George
Jackson, William Franklin	Miller, John Henry	Trope, Peter
Jacobs, Enoch	Montgomery, George	Tubbs, John Charles
Jenkins, George W.	Morse, Stephen Turner	Tufts, Albert Currier
Johnson, Julian Workman	Nathan, Samuel	Ulp, Alfred
Johnston, William	O'Neil, James	Van Voorhies, Albert Alex.
Jones, Edward Augustus	Ochsner, John	Wachhorst, Herman
Kay, Samuel	Pacheco, Romualdo	Walker, Myron Philo
Keber, Jacob	Palmer, Asa John Wood	Walquist, Carl Johan
Kellogg, Cornelius	Parsons, Thomas Joseph	Webster, Samuel Excelsior
Kercheval, Reuben	Peters, Robert James	Welch, Benjamin
Kimball, Gorham Gates	Phillips, Louis	Welch, George Drake
Krebs, Charles Henry	Porter, James Nichols	White, George Amos
Lavenson, Samuel	Putnam, George Alfred	Wick, Robert Kerr
Leloy, Louis	Rath, Elias	Wickstram, Carl Elias
Leveson, Jacob	Resseguie, James Gleason	Wilcoxson, Jefferson
Levy, Bernard	Robinson, Robert	Willis, William Ladd
Levy, Edward Roger	Rothfeld, Sigmund	Wilson, Jesse Warren
Libby, Warren Thompson	Sawyer, James C.	Willard, David Wright
Littlefield, Lewis Bateman	Shields, Charles Fox	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Locke, George Washington	Smith, John Wm. Martin	Yoerk, August Charles
Lyon, Edward	Smith, Joshua Hughes	Zimmerman, Christian—180.
Maier, Jacob Fred. William		

## PAST MASTERS :

Barrett, Isaac Thomas

Talbot, John—2.

## MARK MASTER:

Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Murphy, Robert William

Smith, Mathew J.

Wells, William Henry—3.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Conboie, Joseph Anthony  
Cottingham, Hilliard P.

Callahan, Daniel E.

Robertson, John

—4.

## DIED :

Barnes, Jacob  
Earl, George

Sims, Samuel

Zacharias, Petragie—4.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	178	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	9	Suspended for non-paym't dues...	4
Affiliated.....	4—191.	Died.....	4
		Now borne upon the roll.....	180—191.

## CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, No. 5.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Abraham Halsey, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph McMath, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Franklin Henry Day, <i>King</i> ,	Edgar Wilson Dalbey, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Knox Polk Wilson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Thomas Henry Dowling, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Hiram Throop Graves, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Arthur Weld Moore, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Samuel David Mayer, <i>Organist</i> ,
Allison Van Denburgh, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	James Oglesby, <i>Guard</i> .
Charles Lyman Haskell, <i>Princ. Sojourner</i> ,	

## Past High Priests:

Reuben Edgar Raymond,	John Elbridge Parry,
William Henry Lyon,	Jesse Combes Reed,
Alexander Gurdon Abell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	William Wilson Traylor, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	John Kirkpatrick, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
William Thos. Reynolds, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Thomas Kyle,
John Francis Snow,	Charles Morton Radcliffe, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Hiram Throop Graves,	Albert Frederick Knorp,
Alfred Cooledge Waitt,	William Abraham Davies, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Joseph Miller Litchfield,	Isaac Sutvene Titus, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Leonidas E Pratt,	Samuel Graves.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, William Henry	Campbell, Robert	Edgar, Dan. Joseph
Angus, John Archibald	Castle, Stephen	Elliot, Gardner
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson	Center, John	Elliot, Charles Emery
Bacon, Joseph Snowden	Center, William	Ellis, Henry Hiram
Baker, George Frank	Chapin, Dinsmore Davis	Estee, Morris March
Barnhisel, Epenetus Rodg's	Churchill, Clark	Ewell, Luther Jerome
Baston, Joseph Gardner	Cockrill, Theo. Guevara	Fake, George John
Bateman, Isaac Christian	Coey, James	Farish, Thomas Edwin
Bechtinger, Joseph	Cook, Joseph Carroll Hoff	Farwell, William Havard
Bell, John	Cox, Henry	Fiske, Henry Mortimer
Benson, John Adelbert	Cox, Palmer	Flint, Brilsford Pease
Berryman, Henri Burpee	Crawford, John Jones	Foot, Henry DuQuesnet
Best, John Tritten	Crossman, James Haskell	Force, George Haynes
Blaser, John Christian	Cummings, Walter Bailey	Gabbs, Albert Steph. Isaiah
Boawell, Solomon Bailey	Dalton, Franklin	Garfield, John Quincy
Bragg, Robert	Damon, George Dimick	Garratt, Benjamin Franklin
Brannan, Samuel	Davis, Edmund Smith	Garratt, William Thompson
Bridge, William Edward	Davis, Isaac Elphinstone	Gilmore, Archibald Neill
Brigham, Calvin Oakes	Davis, Solomon	Grant, Thomas Chamberlin
Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Dean, Peter	Gray, William
Bromley, George Tisdale	Deweese, Cornelius, Jr.	Graham, Monkhouse
Brooks, Thomas Hubbard	Dougherty, Charles Medley	Hall, Robert
Browning, Jeremiah	Earl, John Ogden	Hammond, John
Bruner, Wm. Happersatt	Earle, Henry Halford	Haraszthy, Arpad
Bullis, Omri	Earle, Slade Anthony, Jr.	Harney, William
Burges, Tristram	Eastman, Frank	Harrington, John Conly
Callaghan, Charles	Easton, Wendell	Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn

Highton, Henry Edward	McMillan, Daniel	Shattuck, David Dustin
Hildebrandt, Carsten	McPheeters, Wesley Stewart	Shaw, Oliver Bradbury
Hodge, John Graham	Middleton, Frank	Short, Peter
Horton, Thomas Rotch	Miles, Edward Mickie	Shrader, Andrew Jackson
Hotsling, Anson Parsons	Miller, Stephen Baldwin	Simons, Charles Gustavus
Hotchkiss, Henry Wells	Montague, Wilford Weed	Skelly, James Henry
Howard Horace Zerah	Moore, Elliott Josiah	Smith, Edwin Lawrence
Howe, George Washington	Moore, Robert Henry	Smith, Stephen Henry
Hughes, David	Morgan, John Stillwell	Smith, William Findley
Ingalls, John Newton	Morse, Amos Clark	Stadtfeld, Jacob
Irwin, James	Morse, Ebenezer Eaton	Stanley, Samuel Lewis
Jackson, Alden W	Morton, Charles Cary	Starbird, Albion Wilson
Jacobs, Albert	Muller, John	Steiger, Charles Rudolphe
Jayner, Frank	Nagel, William	Steiner, Nicholas
Jeffers, Milo Sidney	Nagle, George Dedrich	Stevens, William Emerson
Jeffray, William	Neal, Charles Sanders	Stoutenborough, John H'y
Johnson, John Munroe	Nickerson, Charles	Stringer, William James
Johnson, William Corrie	Norcross, Daniel	Sullivan, Eugene Lemuel
Johnston, William David	O'Connor, Thomas Michael	Sumner, Frank William
Jones, Cyrus Winship	Osgood, George	Sumner, William Brintnell
Jones, William	Otersen, Herman	Swift, James Flitcroft
Jones, William Arthur	Otto, Charles	Taylor, John Brinkworth
Kaeding, Chas. Van Buren	Partridge, Edward Briggs	Taylor, John Ward
Kelly, Robert Gabriel	Payne, Warren Ritch	Thompson, John Henry
Kennedy, Frank	Pendergast, James Albert	Thompson, Lucius
Kennedy, John Fitzmaurice	Periam, Charles James	Thomson, Malcolm
Kimball, Moses Coombe	Peterson, Arthur Simison	Thrall, Henry Homer
Kincaid, John Evans	Pierce, George Lincoln	Torrence, John
King, Henry Lewis	Plum, Charles Mortimer	Trueworthy, Francis Mar'n
King, John	Plummer, Harry Wilkinson	Tustin, William Isaac
King, Joseph Libbey	Pollock, James Crawford	Tyrrell, John Haydon
Kuh, Leopold	Porter, Thomas Alexander	Urquhart, James Simonson
Laird, David White	Powell, Robert Baldwin	Valentine, John
Landers, John	Price, Thomas	Vanderslice, Wm. Keyser
Leydecker, Theo. William	Prior, John Lewis	Van Duzer, Oliver
Lloyd, Reuben Hedley	Ramsdell, Benjamin Hatch	Vollmer, Edward
Louderback, And'w And'sn	Reavis, William Henry	Wade, Albert Patten
Luty, John Samuel	Reynolds, Frank Bailey	Wadhams, Luman
Lyman, Charles	Richards, William Henry	Wadsworth, James C. Luke
Macdonald, William	Root, Ira Colburn	Waterhouse, Fred. Adelbert
Mann, Azro Levy	Rosekrans, Hiram	Waters, George Latham
Martin, Alexander	Rundell, William Mason	Wells, William
Marye, George Thomas, Jr.	Russell, John Adam	Wetherbee, Calvin Hale
McComb, John	Schoder, Joseph	Wheeler, Jacob
McCrindle, William	Scott, Shaller Mackintosh	Wilde, Francis Brooke
McCullough, H. Van Schaick	Scott, Thomas William	Williamson, Rob't Stockton
McLane, George Milligan	Seaton, Horace Henry	Wilson, Charles
McLennan, Donald	Shaeffer, John Werner	Wooster, John Benjamin

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## RESTORED:

Beach, Henry Martin	Highton, Henry Edward	Johnson, John Charles—3.
WITHDRAWN:		
Ashbury, Monroe	Clary, William Henry	Miller, Abram Isaac
Beach, Henry Martin	Denny, Edward	Willey, Charles Johnson
Bush, John Christian Jr.	Johnson, John Charles	Willey, Otis Freeman—10.
Cecil, John		



## RETURNS OF SUBORDINANE CHAPTERS

## EXCLUDED :

Beadle, Donald                      Farnam, Edward                      Neville, Ernest Harry—3.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bryan, Edward Hord	Maleas, Christian W	Stege, John Richard
Graham, John	Smith, Adrian Russell	Von Jeinsen, Ernest
Hanscom, John Ostenelli	Smith, Sidney Mason	Warren, Joseph M.
Litchfield, Watson Dyer	Spratt, George Sterry	Winkle, Henry—12.

## EXPELLED:

Wiggin, Charles Louis—1.

## DIED:

Gates, Horatio Sylvester	Maguire, Joseph	Smith, Henry Sumner
Howard, George Henry	Moody, William Edward	Vaughn, Alphonso Hyman—7.
Johnston, Baptist		

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report .....	276	Withdrawn.....	10
Exalted.....	7	Excluded.....	3
Affiliated.....	2	Suspended for non-paym't dues	12
Restored.....	3	Expelled.....	1
Omitted in last report.....	1—289.	Died.....	7
		Now borne upon the roll.....	256—289.

## NEVADA CHAPTER, No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jeremiah N. Payne, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Halstead Stansfield, <i>King</i> ,	Philip Richards, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Francis Marion Hathaway, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Kaskil Kasper, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Martin Luther Marsh, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Floyd, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Herbert Boardman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Barton, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Mason Buffington, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Holmes, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests :

Thos. H. Caswell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Thomias Mein.	Ianthis Jerome Rolfe.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Brown, John Earl	Hale, Horace	Reid, James
Chapin, Samuel Leonard	Hampton, Elisha	Richards, William Gilbert
Crandall, Orman	Holland, Jacob La Fayette	Roberts, William Anderson
Davis, George Ransom	Long, William David	Rose, David
Dickson, John Hutton	Marsh, Daniel	Rose, James
Dill, John	McBean, John	Sargent, Aaron Augustus
Donald, James	McElvy, Charles	Sanders, Josiah
Duryea, William Henry	McNulty, Henry	Searis, Niles
Ennis, Franklin	Montgomery, John	Shaw, George Crawford
Faull, George	Naffziger, Jacob	Stowers, Nathaniel Henry
Fleming, Jos. Davenport	Nelson, Ole Amos	Tilley, Edwin
Gentry, Richard Benton	Pease, Sanford Orrin	Williamson, Levi
Gilbert, John Richards	Powers, George S	Wing, Rodney—55.
Goldsmith, Abraham	Preston, Edward Myers	

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:**

Siddles, Milan Burchard—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Chapman, Allen

Lee, Bruce Benjamin

Rich, Charles Ephraim—3.

**DIED:**

Wheeler, Mathew Mitchell—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	59	Withdrawn.....	3
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	55—59.

**BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.****Benicia, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**Timothy Sage, *High Priest,*Thomas McKay, *King,*Murdock McArthur, *Scribe,*John Reuger, *Treasurer,*Charles Spalding, *Secretary.*George Poor, *Captain of the Host,*William R. Campbell, *Prin. Sojourner,*Lansing Bond Mizner, *Royal Arch Capt.,*Edw'd Horatio Von Pfister, *Master 3d Vail,*Joseph Green Johnson, *Master 2d Vail,*Archibald McDonald, *Master 1st Vail,*William Mathewson, *Guard.***Past High Priest:**

Timothy Sage.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Danforth, Edwin

Mathewson, John

Stuart, Robert—17.

Long, Michael Henry

McKenzie, Allan

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Grant, John

Pollock, Robert—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	19	Suspended for non-payment of dues.	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	17—19.

**SHASTA CHAPTER, No. 9.****Shasta, Shasta County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**Joseph Well, *High Priest,*Herman Frederick Ross, *King,*Elijah Mason Dixon, *Scribe,*Gunter Fred'k Chas. Schroeter, *Treas.,*William Ely Hopping, *Secretary,*Mortimer Cherberry Allen, *Capt'n of Host,*Daniel Porter Bystle, *Principal Sojourner,*Edwin Leland Baldwin, *R. A. Captain,*Marshal Alex. Mitchell, *Master 3d Vail,*John William Garden, *Master 2d Vail,*Daniel Thomas Shearin, *Master 1st Vail,*Ulysses Richard Lord, *Guard.*

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

**Past High Priests:**

Whiting Griswold West, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Daniel Porter Bystle,
Adolph Dobrowsky,	Louis Wellendorf,
George Carruth Farquahar,	Joseph Weil.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Anderson, Charles	Moore, Joseph	Souter, John
Andrew, William	Nichols, James Levin	Swain, Alex. Cartwright
Andrews, Alex. Robertson,	Overmeyer, Charles Edwin	Sweet, Henry Andrew
Anklin, Henry	Pryor, Athanasius	Syme, John
Chappell, James Nathan	Recardo, John D	Taylor, Holloway
Coleman, Adornum	Regan, James	Webb, John Paxton
Guptil, William Neal	Reinecke, Christopher	Weil, David
Higgins, William Thomas	Reynolds, John Edward	Wheeler, Frank
Lean, William	Scammon, James Freeman	Wilson, Henry Ellis
Martin, Rufus Franklin	Scott, John Varner	Wimmer, James Moses—48.
Matlock, David B	Shuffleton, Hugh Hall	

**PAST MASTER:**

Lodge, Robert James—1.

**RESTORED:**

Lean, William—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Higginbotham, John Baptist—1.

**EXCLUDED:**

Green, Thomas—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	43	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	6	Excluded . . . . .	1
Restored. ....	1—50.	Now borne upon the roll.....	48—50.

**SUTTER CHAPTER, No. 11.***Sutter Creek, Amador County.**Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Abner Edward Callaway, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Lithgow, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Thomas Dunlap, <i>King,</i>	Morris Brinn, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John McDougal Post, <i>Scribe,</i>	Robert Redpath, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Vincent Lutenesky, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Oulds, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Alonzo King Dudley, <i>Secretary,</i>	David Anderson Patterson, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
William Henry Guusolus, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Jelemina, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Alvinza Hayward,	John Whitten Surface,	Robert Aitkin.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Adams, James	Davis, David Thomas	Huse, Samuel Emerson
Adams, John Quincy	Ellis, Volney Eaton	Isaacs, Bernard
Bennett, William A.	Fagan, Peter	Kelley, John Barnes
Berryman, Andrew	Farley, James Thompson	Kerr, John B
Campbell, John Miss	Ford, Henry Darnell	McLean, Laughlin
Clute, Peter Alonzo	Hall, Henry Frank	Mannon, Samuel Sanford
Cosner, Robert	Henley, Jonathan Specker	Marchant, John

Maxey, Jesse Blackburn	Reardon, John	Stewart, Samuel Decount R.
McMurray, James William	Robertson, Peter Sterling	Stevens, James Bounty
Milliken, Jesse	Robinson, Robert	Sutherland, William
Miller, John	Russell, John Elisha	Surface, James Philip
Newman, George	Smith, William	Taber, Frederick Ketchum
Palmer, Eliphalet Charles	Spagnolia, Sylv'r Giovanni	Walther, Otto
Poundstone, Laurence R'der	Spagnolia, Benedetto	Welch, Wm. Henry Seward
Purrinton, Columbus Allen	Steinberger, John Adam	Whitlach, Daniel Henry—62.
Robinson, John Andrew	Stewart, James Franklin	

## PAST MASTER :

Perkins, John Dabney—1.

## RESTORED :

Mannon, Samuel Sanford—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Bailey, William Smith

Mehrtens, Daniel

Parkinson, Manuel Cassada  
—3.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Bury, Daniel William

Comstock, Asa Leland

Cook, Philormon—3.

## DIED :

Peck, Henry.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	64	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	3	Suspended for non-payment of dues	3
Affiliated.....	1	Died.....	1
Restored.....	1—69.	Now borne upon the roll.....	62—69

## MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.

Merced, Merced County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

Adolph Simon, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Anthony James Meany, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Hiram Newton Rucker, <i>King</i> ,	Aaron Badt, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Nicholas Breen, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Louis Sillman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Isaac Henry Jacobs, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Samuel Mitchell Brown, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Arthur Homer Dauchy, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Ebenezer Maxwell Stoddard, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William John Hart, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Nelson Howeth, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests :

Charles McMurdo Blair,	Mark Howell,	Samuel Claghorn Bates,
Peter Dinwiddie Wigginton,	John Kirk Bernard,	Adolph Simon.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Adams, William	Hardwick, William Jeffer'n	Moore, Edwin
Becker, Frederick	Harris, Charles Parsons	Roes, Henry Christopher
Bradford, Abram Clark	Jones, Lewis Fuller	Stoneroad, Geo. Washington
Chapman, Emery Washin'n	Lebright, Frederick	Welch, Peyton Young
Coffman, William Franklin	Livingston, Chas. Chancel'r	Welch, Lucillus Arthur
Grade, William Adolph	Means, William Leland	Wynn, William—35.

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

## PAST MASTERS:

Jacob, Elias

Hall, Thomas—2.

## DIED:

Aiken, John McKee—1.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	34	Died.....	1
Affiliated.....	2—36.	Now borne upon the roll.....	35—36.

## WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 13.

Marysville, Yuba County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Thomas Hugh Steel, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Amasa Willey White, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Henry Charles Lott, <i>King</i> ,	Philip Hortop, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Jeremiah Andrew Saul, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Avery Isaac Wightman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Lask, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Pepper, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Thomas Hugh Kernan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Keymer, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Robert Millar, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Franklin Lefavor, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests :

William Lee-Lawrence,	Charles E Stone,	Frederick Buttelman,
Norman Dunning Rideout,	William Fletcher,	Lemuel Trescott Crane.
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aaron, Frank Wm. Howard	Depuy, Edward Spencer	Hutchinson, Samuel
Baird, George Hall	Dickey, James Thomas	Jones, William Price
Barns, Avery Powers	Dobbins, Thomas	Jones, James Thaddeus
Barrie, John Ferguson	Dougall, Thomas	Jones, Richard
Barthe, Eugene	Eastman, James Fred.	Keser, Louis
Batchelder, Adon'm Judson	Ellis, William Turner	Keyser, Philip Walter
Belcher, Edward Augustus	Ernsfields, Victor Lewis	Knight, David E
Belcher, Isaac Sawyer	Flint, Joseph A	Kopf, Claus
Belcher, William Caldwell	Friend, William	Lockwood, Ebenezer Jay
Belding, Lyman	Gerkin, John Henry	Logan, Anderson Dabney
Bingham, Atkins Clark	Gianella, Vincenzo	Lohse, Hermann
Bockius, Charles George	Gibson, Alexander	Marcuse, Meyer A
Bometer, Charles	Hamlin, Norman Scott	Marcuse, Marcus
Bradley, Samuel Henry	Harrington, Chris. Clark	Marker, Henry Bowman
Caldwell, Arthur Brooks	Harrold, Ebenezer Nelson	McKeehan, Iremons Hinkle
Carpenter, Geo. Washington	Hochstadter, Adolph	McNutt, John Flemming
Chandler, Melvin Laveni	Hochstadter, Simon	McLean, William Taylor
Cheaney, John	Holland, Crawford	Meek, Emerson Emmett
Clark, Levi Blandell	Holland, George	Millar, Thomas Boyd
Cory, Perry	Hollingshead, Jos. Easton	North, George
Crooks, John Edwin	Hudson, Edward Henry	Oakley, Amasa Wilder
Decker, Peter	Hatchins, Gavin Walker	Parks, William Henry

Parkhurst, Lorenzo Dow	Spear, Andrew Potter	Tomb, Jacob
Patterson, Charles Milton	Stanwood, Richard Goss	Van Fleet, William
Reece, Thomas White	Stafford, Joshua	Walton, Benjamin Franklin
Rhay, Edward	Stratton, Cornelius Allen	Whitebread, William Cezar
Rogers, Sam'l Josiah Smith	Sullivan, John Lyon	Wilcoxon, Caleb Ellisha
Ross, Samuel Haws	Swain, William Caldwell	Willey, Amasa Parker
Schulenberg, Adolph	Teegarden, Eli	Wilson, Sanford Ellis
Slingsby, William	Thom, David Jr.	Woods, Matthew—111.
Sparks, Martin Van Buren	Thompson, Ernest Ericeno	

## WITHDRAWN :

Falk, Lewin	Heath, George	Reynolds, John—3.
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## DIED :

Hogle, William Henry	Kent, Thomas Weston—2.
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## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....109	Withdrawn..... 3
Exalted..... 7—116.	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....111—116.

## HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14.

San Jose, Santa Clara County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

William Osman Breyfogle, <i>High Priest,</i>	Daniel C Dunn, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Wilson Hays, <i>King,</i>	Wm. Alexander January, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
William Henry Haydock, <i>Soribe,</i>	Wilbur Justus Wilcox, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Return Roberts, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wm. Lorkin Woodrow, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Hardage Lane Andrews, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Oliver Ackerly, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
_____, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Jacob Moser, <i>Guard.</i>

## Past High Priests :

Jared Turner,	George May,	Henry Howard Cook,
Wm. Alex. January, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Wilbur Justus Wilcox,	William Osman Breyfogle.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Arnold, Charles Henry	Foots, George William	May, Orange Scott
Bennett, George Edmund	Gardner, David Boyd	McAfee, Andrew Finley
Bishop, Samuel Addison	Gerdes, John Christian	McClosky, Thomas
Black, James Francis	Hamilton, Alonzo Bobbitt	McDougall, Giles Eggleston
Blair, Thomas Henry	Headen, George Thomas	McKee, Geo. Butterfield
Boring, Samuel Watson	Hopkins, Isaiah Litler	McLucas, Alexander
Bradlee, Ezra Smith	Howard, Velney	McMurtry, William Sharpe
Brown, Jeremiah Yancey	Jackson, William Andrew	Middleton, Joseph Traill
Buzza, John Trebilcock	Keith, John Matthew	Meldram, Charles R.
Castle, Alex. Wilson	Knight, John	Morey, Harvey Chapin
Coffin, Christop'r Columbus	Lenzen, Theodore	Mott, John
Daugherty, Wm. Wallace	Lowrie, John	Moyle, Isaiah
Dix, Charles Wesley	Marston, Samuel Ingersoll	Ohnstein, Oscar
Ellis, William Frederick	Martin, William Joseph	Peacock, Geo. Washington
Fallon, Thomas	Mayers, Christian	Pritchard, Edward

Reither, Jacob	Stephens, Columbus Cecil	Warthen, Albert
Bowley, Albanus Beliger	Stockton, Nathaniel Hiram	Weller, Henry Olp
Rucker, Joseph Edmundson	Spring, Thaddeus Warsaw	Wells, Proctor R.
Sargent, James Pattee	Sturges, Mahlon Beach	Weymouth, James Lambert
Sexton, William	Tisdale, William DeWitt	Whidden, George Akerman
Scott, Alexander Franklin	Tully, Edward Chaffin	Williams, Edward
Shaw, Joseph Nathan	Vandine, Eben	Yates, Lorenzo Gordin—81.
Sim, George		

## WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, Sanfler Brockway	Bradley, Hugh Johnson	Giraud, Louis—5.
Barling, Harry	Gillooly, Lawrence Burke	

## EXCLUDED:

Brownell, Lyman Ackley	Holmes, Parker Butterfield	Johnson, Samuel William—3.
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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Arnold, Austin	Houghton, Henry Albert	Tobin, Michael
Easterday, Sol Warren	Jones, Hugh Stevenson	Tully, Pleasant Britton—8.
Hollenbeck, Walter Morris'n	Kupper, Joseph Benjamin	

## DIED:

Bodley, Thomas	Field, Walter	Rice, Harvey Newton—4.
Castle, William Nicholas		

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	100	Withdrawn.....	5
Affiliated.....	1—101.	Excluded.....	3
		Suspended for non-paym't dues.	8
		Died.....	4
		Now borne upon the roll.....	81—101.

## CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 15.

Yreka, Siskiyou County.

*Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John William Bird, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Vance, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Samuel White, <i>King</i> ,	Andrew Edw. Schwatka, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Curtis Hooper Pyle, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Morris Walbridge, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William McConnell, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Francis Dumas, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Pellet, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Claus Schnackenberg, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Alonzo Emery Raynes, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Francis Riley, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Daniel Ream,	James Vance,	John Morris Walbridge.
Abisha Swain,	Alonzo Emery Raynes,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Amos, Thomas	Eddy, William Castleton	Newton, Joel
Brown, Alex. Mitchell	Fabricius, Andrew Jackson	Nichols, Henry
Carriick, Elijah	Hansen, Hans	Osterman, Jurgen
Crooks, Andrew Donaldson	Horn, David	Owens, Alexander
Diggles, Henry Jonas	Huseman, Louis	Rogers, Franklin Augustus
Diggles, James Alden	Jones, John Johnson	Rostetter, George
Doten, Josiah Wilson	Knight, George Horace	Shaw, David Henry
Durand, George	Lytle, James Alexander	Wadsworth, Henry—38.

**RESTORED:**

Vogan, James—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Lang, Joseph Jr.—1.

**EXCLUDED :**

McConaughy, James—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :**

Doney, William Kise

Vogan, James—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	40	Withdrawn.....	1
Affiliated.....	1	Excluded.....	1
Restored.....	1—42.	Suspended for non-paym't of dues	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	38—42.

**ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.**

Placerville, El Dorado County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

George Heirn Gilbert, <i>High Priest,</i>	George Burnham, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Thomas Fraser, <i>King,</i>	Chas. Fitzgerald Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i>
Andrew Thompson Culbertson, <i>Scribe,</i>	Andrew Jackson Kennedy, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Guiseppo Roller, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John William Deuch, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Frederick Ferdinand Barss, <i>Secretary,</i>	Marco Varozza, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Chas. H'nry Weatherwax, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Charles John Arvidson, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Frederick Ferdinand Barss, Charles Fitzgerald Irwin, George Heirn Gilbert,  
Robert Chalmers,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS :**

Alden, Samuel Jemison	Danz, Paul	Norton, Daniel E.
Barlow, Geo. Washington	Gelwicks, Daniel William	Page, Horace Francis
Blakely, Alburn Jackson	Hamel, Henry	Peirce, Charles Caleb
Blanchard, Geo. Granville	Hume, James Bunyan	Plumado, Francis Hilafr
Bowe, Edward Young	Hunger, Frederick	Schneider, John
Broad, Charles	Lohry, Adam	Taghtmier, Frederick
Caystile, Thomas John	Mack, George Franklin	Thelsen, John
Cello, Carlo Guiseppi	Murray, Nelson Henry	Van Voorhies, Ralph Jos'h
Chalmers, George	Miller, Daniel Rice	Wonderlich, John Peter—41.
Crowder, Jeremiah Jackson		

**PAST MASTER :**

Avincino, Nicola—1.

**WITHDRAWN :**

Christie, Andrew Jackson—1.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report.....	42—42.	Withdrawn.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	41—42.



## LIBANUS CHAPTER, No. 17.

Iowa Hill, Placer County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

John Floyd Van Divier, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Ross, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
John Gould Bisbee, <i>King</i> ,	Willis Fish Gould, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Jonathan Mitchell Smith, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Chester Hackett, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Schmitt, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Stemple, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Whipple Poole, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Smith, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Green Wolfe, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	George Jones, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

William Clinton Rich,	William Whipple Poole,	John Floyd Van Divier.
James Ross,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barrett, Adams	Hammill, Henry	Mill, William
Butler, John	Ingersoll, Darius	Mitchell, Edward
Cameron, William	Jacobs, James Munroe	Mitchell, John Henry
Chinn, James Weeks	Jones, Owen	Rich, James Jasper
Christy, William	Juergensen, Peter Newlar	Spencer, Edward George
Coker, Gould Carlton	Just, John Peter	White, William King—33.
Develey, Henry K.	Lewis, Robert	

## DIED:

Hughes, Richard Rogers—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....31	Died.....1
Exalted.....3—34.	Now borne upon the roll.....33—34.

## GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Crisp Coleman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas John Mitchell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Peter Johnston, <i>King</i> ,	Theodore Henry Wilhelm, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Alphonso Morehouse, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Champion, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Coleman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Vincent, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Washington Hill, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Walter Scott Stoddard, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Gerdon Hudson, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Houston Whiting, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Alfred Barrett Dibble	Alex'r Buchanan Brady,	Reuben Leach.
William McCormick,	Edward Coleman,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Anderson, Robert	Gad, Bernard	Noel, Richard
Andrews, James	Gluyas, James	Noel, James Clymer
Angove, John	Granger, Samuel	Noonan, Patrick
Bennallack, James	Hand, William Dawson	Pears, Joseph
Binkleman, David	Hand, William Henry	Polglose, John
Boniviert, Paschal Joseph	Halleck, Joseph	Price, Briscoe Hugh
Bryant, David	Harris, Stephen Mitchell	Rhatigan, John
Bryant, William Henry	Hatch, Martin Payne	Roberts, Edmund Willson
Burnie, Alexander	Hooper, James	Roland, Louis Jerome
Caddy, Richard	Husom, Andrew	Sanders, John
Catron, William	Jones, William C	Saxon, Edward
Clift, William	Kemp, Robert	Saxon, James
Clough, Jonathan Converse	Kendig, Daniel	Spencer, William Kenyon
Coombs, William	Lawrence, John	Stoddard, Alexander
Coombe, William	Long, Stephen	Stoddard, Orlando
Crocker, John Ross	Lowrey, Richard Daniel	Stokes, William Charles
Dorsey, John Jacob	Majors, John Newton	Thompson, John Burns
Douglass, William	Mitchell, William Henry	Uphoff, Herman
Dunston, William	Mitchell, Charles Henry	Vogelman, Henry
Fairhurst, Geo. Washington	Moore, Stephen	Walker, Thomas Rolla—77.
Fricot, Jules		

## RESTORED:

Roberts, Edmund Willson—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Anderson, Augustus Peyton	Berg, Alfred	Pidsley, Edward—3.
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## EXCLUDED:

Smith, Charles Woolson—1.

## DIED :

Watt, William—1.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....81	Withdrawn..... 3
Restored..... 1—82.	Excluded..... 1
	Died..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....77—82.

## TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.

Weaverville, Trinity County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

Wiley James Tinnin, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John William Philbrook, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John McMurry, <i>King</i> ,	Joel Chilton Wood, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
William Spencer Lowden, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Harvey, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Otto Volmers, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	David Harden, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Morris Franklin Griffin, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Van Matre, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Madison Pickett, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Charles John Aug. Goering, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

John Clifton Mason,

Wiley James Tinnin.

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Black, Peter Patterson	Irwin, John Gwin	Raab, Louis
Diener, Gottlieb Frederick	Lowden, Marshall Horace	Rowles, James
Eastman, Charles	Miller, Thomas Love	Smiley, John Wesley
Given, William Cushing	Musser, John	Smith, Champion W
Haas, Gottlieb Frederick	Paulsen, Jacob	Whitehead, Adolph—30.
Harvey, Alfred	Paulsen, Peter	

## PAST MASTER:

Anderson, Robert Lawrence—1.

## MARK MASTER:

Mortimer, George—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Christiansen, Ole Christian—1.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report..... 31—31. Withdrawn..... 1  
 Now borne upon the roll..... 30—31.

## FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.

Oroville, Butte County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

Thomas Callow, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wallace Homer Chappelle, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Charles Hart Wilcox, <i>King,</i>	John Carleton Grey, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Edmonds, <i>Scribe,</i>	Thibaud Heintz, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
_____, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wm. Patrick McDermott, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Arthur McDermott, <i>Secretary,</i>	David King Perkins, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Louis Simons, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Constantine Mitchell, <i>Guard.</i>

## Past High Priests :

Thomas Callow,	George Clement Perkins,	Thomas Jarrett Jenkins,
Charles Fayette Lott,	Arthur McDermott,	George Henry Crosetts.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Baylis, David	Goodday, Louis	Nelson, John
Beall, John	Grubbs, Richard Champion	Parker, Raizemond
Block, Joseph	Hays, David Bright	Plum, Nathaniel Dunbar
Branscomb, John	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock	Powell, David
Buchanan, Philander	Hewitt, John Boughton	Raggles, Elisha Starr
Burroughs, Charles	Hida, Jehu	Shear, George
Byler, Eldridge Mallard	Hundley, Patrick Ogilsby	Stearns, Amos Kies
Davis, Edward Jennings	Hutchings, Thomas Boyd	Tabor, Floyd
Dyer, George Washington	Lawson, Andrew Jackson	Wagner, Frank
Faulkner, Thomas	Logan, James Columbus	Wells, Michael Henry
Fleming, Thomas Robert	Meredith, John Robert	Young, Henry G.—49.
Glass, Louis		

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS :

Davis, Samuel Joshua

Pratt, Enoch—2.

**PAST MASTER :**

Butler, Charles Frederick—1.

**EXCLUDED :**

Sparks, Ebenezer Morrison—1.

**DIED :**

Becker, Frederick John

Jackson, St. John—2.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report.....	52—52.	Excluded.....	1
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	49—52.

**SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.**

Downieville, Sierra County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS :**

William Thompson Luther, <i>High Priest,</i>	Benjamin Pauly, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Lewis Byington, <i>King,</i>	Joseph Berg, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Hiram George Weir, <i>Scribe,</i>	George C. Martin, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John August Blohm, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
William Ryan, <i>Secretary,</i>	Valentine Hartling, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Henry Strange, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests :**

Henry Warner,	Washington Cicero Doud,	William Thompson Luther.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS :**

Abbey, George Henry	Gale, John	Ross, John
Anderson, Andrew	Hanley, William A.	Shawness, John
Bernhardt, Lewis	Jones, John Oscar	Thom, Alexander
Bradbury, John T.	Lewis, Jacob	Thomas, Henry
Busch, August Christopher	Malone, Rowland Cusin	Wallace, Hiram Wilsey
Clute, John Howard	McGregor, James	West, John Thorrensues
Crooks, James Brown	McNaughton, James	Wilkins, William
Ellery, Henry, Jr.	Peacock, James Richard	Williams, Thomas—39.
Erschbacher, Franz Antoine	Picken, Alexander	

**WITHDRAWN :**

Creveling, Elemuel N. L.—1.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report.....	38	Withdrawn.....	1.
Exalted.....	2—40.	Now borne upon the roll.....	39—40.

**PETALUMA CHAPTER, No. 22.****Petaluma, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Singley, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Wm. McClymonds, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Barnabas Haskell, <i>King,</i>	Thomas Robert Jacobs, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Alexander Lackey, <i>Scribe,</i>	Noah William Scudder, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Conrad Poshlmann, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Alonzo Wiawell, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Josiah Hor Crane, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Roe Veale, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Marcus Dyathea Goshen, <i>Captain of Host,</i>	William Samuel Keays, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

James Singley,	Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,	Oscar Valentine Walker.
Thomas Jefferson Graham,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allen, William Thomas	Haubrick, Leonard	Taft, Hiram Fayette
Bagley, Alcantar Alonzo	Heineken, Herman Albert	Tempel, Conrad
Baur, John	Kahn, Achille	Thompson, Jefferson
Bean, Asahel Adams	Knowles, James Hulme	Tomasini, Louis
Bihler, William	Lewis, John Bacon	Tomasini, Julian
Bowles, Joseph Martin	Merritt, John	Tomasini, Matteo
Cavanagh, John	Moffit, John	Walter, Isaac M
Christie, John Boyd	Pedrazzini, Louis	Wickersham, Jesse C
Cox, William Emery	Pierce, Abraham Jewell	Wing, Daniel Swift
Cox, William Edwin	Polk, Charles Ephraim	Yoemans, Charles
Dreyfuss, Edward	Rugg, William Hazen	Young, Henry Joseph
Fairbanks, Hiram Tobbert	Schroyer, Aaron	Zartman, William
Falkner, Miles Henry	Schwartz, John	Zook, Francis Kurts—54.

**WITHDRAWN :**

Carpenter, William—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :**

Kuffie, Isaac—1.

**DIED:**

Carder, Dennison Delos—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....43	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 8	Suspended for non-paym't dues. 1
Affiliated..... 6	Died..... 1
Restored..... 1—57.	Now borne upon the roll..... 54—57.

**OLIVER CHAPTER, No. 23.****Forest Hill, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Ambrose Hall Cowden, <i>High Priest,</i>	Christian Volland, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Charles Trafton, <i>King,</i>	Jacob Locke Welker, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
James Hedges, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Tikell, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Thomas Norwood Hosmer, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Peyton Powell, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Joel Franklin Smith, <i>Secretary,</i>	Charles Hitchcock Dewey, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Erskine Allen, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Abner W. Goff, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Russell Parkhurst, James Russell Glover, Ambrose Hall Cowden.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allen, John E.	Davis, John Lloyd	Lynd, Charles
Blumenthal, Louis	Fast, John Henry Adolph	White, Walter Raleigh
Bresce, Abram	Hosmer, Daniel Mansfield	Willard, Simeon Sylvester
Byrd, Jacob Warwick	Huntley, Asahel	Williams, Richard—28.
Carter, John Franklin	Jones, John D.	

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Johnson, Magnies—1.

**DIED:**

Allen, Francis Walker Tubbs, Martin Barnum—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	31—31	Suspended for non-paym't dues,	1
		Died.....	2
		Now upon the roll.....	28—31.

**LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.**

Camptonville, Yuba County.

*Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

**OFFICERS:**

Richard Munt, <i>High Priest,</i>	Richard Baker, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Carlos Frederick Mansur, <i>King,</i>	Valentine Cook McMurray, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
John George McLellan, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Alexander Meek, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Josiah Perkins Brown, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Henry Fuller, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Arthur Gardner Miller, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas Phillips, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Otis Nelson Marrow, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Peter Russell, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Josiah Perkins Brown,	Richard Munt,	Valentine Cook McMurray.
John George McLellan,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Arnott, James	Elias, Isaac	Nelson, James
Beaman, John Henry	Gibson, William Walker	O'Hara, Charles
Calvin, David	Landecker, David Henry	Spencer, Stephen—23.
Covey, Eugene Beauharnais	McLellan, Charles	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Baker, Silas Sherman—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	21	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	8—24.	Now borne upon the roll.....	23—24.

**GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.****Georgetown, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Samuel Doncaster, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Moon, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Solomon Adam Berry, <i>King</i> ,	De Witt Clinton Benjamin, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Henry Grove Maltby, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Elijah Harper Watson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Frederick Lagersen, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Massimino Pedrini, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Henry Warren Russell, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	John Paul Jones Davison, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

William Roush,	Henry Warren Russell,	James Moon,
John Ernest Kunkler,	George Washington Hunter,	Ellison Lassell Crawford.
Samuel Doncaster,	John Dodd Skinner,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Anderson, William Carey	Fleishman, Jacob	McNevin, Henry Patrick
Bassi, Giosni	Jackson, Isaac Priestly	Pease, Edwin R.
Carter, John Elliot	Jillson, Emmett	Pedrini, Cipriano
Downs, John L.	Jones, Thomas Edward	Spencer, Willis Eugene
Dunahoo, Wm. Washington	Markle, John Alexander	Wade, John—32.
Fillipini, Rinaldo		

**EXCLUDED:**

Lawyer, John Jay—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....33—33.	Excluded.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....32—33.

**OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 26.****Oakland, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thatcher Peter Wales, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Daniel Henry Everett, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
James Todd Gardiner, <i>King</i> ,	John Carleton Marsh, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Albert Atwater McKeen, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Stewart McClure, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Hirshberg, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Isaac Ayer, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Frank Howard Brooks, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Levit Moses Hobbs, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Burt Clayton, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Archibald Campbell Marr, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Jeremiah Elkins Whitcher,	Thatcher Peter Wales,	William Burt Clayton.
Benjamin Akerly,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Ayers, William Henry	Francis, Samuel	Lloyd, Robert
Baker, Peter	Gemmell, Alexander	Mann, Benjamin Franklin
Bennison, George Edward	Glascock, John Ragland	Marsh, Charles Pantier
Blair, George Washington	Greenhood, Jacob	McKenzie, William Williams
Bolton, William	Haelke, Heliwig Leopold	Newson, John J.
Brooks, James Marcus	Hall, Joseph Lee	Nolan, Stephen
Burner, John Davis	Harlow, William Sturtevant	Rasmussen, Hans
Chapman, Lemuel Gulliver	Harwood, Wm. Douglass	Reid, Charles Wood
Clark, Marion	Henninger, Frederick	Reinstadtler, Francois
Cooms, Henry	Hill, William Henry	Ruth, John
Conly, Charles	Hillebrand, Henry	Ryttenberg, Isaac Daniel
Cordes, Paul Henry	Hitchcock, Henry Elisha	Shattuck, Francis Kilttridge
Cushing, Clinton	Irwin, John Clark	Shlman, John Lewis
Delger, Frederick	Janassen, Ernest F. George	Snyder, Lyman Nutt
Dieves, Joseph	Kennedy, William	Van Voorhies, William
Estrado, Frederick	Keer, Louis Carmick	Warner, Franklin
Evers, John Henry	Lamont, Thomas	Williams, Marc Anthony
Farwell, George Elliott	Lentell, James	Williams, Nicholas—68.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Ferguson, Henry James—1.

## MARK MASTER :

Simpson, George—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Bagge, Christian	Milligan, Henry Gilbert	Zabel, Julius—5.
Carrick, John Willard	Watson, William Callaghan	

## EXCLUDED :

Carleton, George Henry	Cunningham, Patrick Jas.	Lewelling, Oregon C.—5.
Crane, William Watrous Jr.	Grosso, Wm. Constantine	

## DIED :

Gabb, William Moore	Smith, Elzaphan Ithamon—2.
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## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	78	Withdrawn.....	5
Exalted.....	2—80	Excluded.....	5
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	68—80.

## DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.

Auburn, Placer County.

*Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

John Thompson, Kinkade, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Henry Chittenden Curtis, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Edward Frederick Holle, <i>King</i> ,	Adrian Storie Whittemore, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
James Penrhye Medland Phillips, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Benj. Dulaney Dunnam, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Orrin Whitcomb Hollenbeck, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Wm. Wallace Severance, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
David Wlademer Lubeck, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Matts Sundholm, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles John Heliwig, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	Robert William Roberts, <i>Guard</i> .



## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

**Past High Priests:**

John Riggs Crandall, Charles John Hellwig, John Thompson Kinkade,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Applegate, Geo. Washington	Griffith, Griffith	Rusing, Edward S
Barter, William	Harper, Thomas Burrell	Schuetze, Albert Henry
Borland, James	Ketchum, Marvin	Schuetze, Wm. Frederick
Burchard, James Philo	Levison, Isidor	Shepherd, Harper Michael
Coleman, Timothy	Lux, Francis Antone	Smith, Edward Guy
Connor, John Michael	McBride, John	Stonecipher, Isaac
Carl, Louis	Mullen, William Henry	Taylor, John Nay
Dickinson, Thomas	Phillips, Joseph Eva	Waldron, Mahlon
Ertle, John	Pratt, Jonathan Davis	Wardwell, Jarius Vespasian
Fulweiler, John Matthias	Predmore, Gera Bretton	Winders, John Robert—43.

**PAST MASTER:**

Mears, Josiah—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Lindsey, Joseph Alexander—1.

**EXCLUDED:**

Greene, William George—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....41	Suspended for non-pay'm't dues. 1
Exalted..... 3	Excluded. .... 1
Affiliated..... 1—45.	Now borne upon the roll.....43—45.

**STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.**

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

*Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

George Alexander McKenzie, <i>High Priest,</i>	Edward Scott, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Isaac Lothrop, <i>King,</i>	Joseph Fyfe, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Doran L Campbell, <i>Scribe,</i>	Charles Cyrus Paulk, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Richard Hedges, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Larose Phelps, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Lemuel Elisha Lyon, <i>Secretary,</i>	James Edgar Requa, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John Allen Hosmer, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Robert Scott Jackson, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne,	Thomas Kent Hook,	George Alex. McKenzie.
Edward Richard Hedges,	Alexander Chalmers,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Bargion, Peter	Cavis, Joseph Mills	Hickman, Edward
Barnes, Harvey Stevens	Daniels, James Moore	Hildreth, George Francis
Belding, Charles	Eldridge, Edward Duane	Hodgkins, Henry
Berry, Frederick T	Evans, George Spofford	Hughes, Henry John
Bond, Morris Hartwell	Fanning, Howard Malcomb	Jamieson, And. Robertson
Brutschy, Charles	Fraser, Philip Barry	Jockers, David
Buckley, Wm. Samuel	Gardner, Thomas M.	Kirkland, William
Caine, John	Graham, William	Langford, Benj. Franklin
Castle, Christ'r Champlin	Harrold, Nathaniel Siggons	Milco, Nicola

Misener, Norman Sumner	Smith, George Faulkenb'h	Thompson, John William
Orr, Nelson Mills	Stewart, Frank	Tucker, Frederick Man
Peters, Joseph D	Stockton, Elias Alonzo	Vance, John Anderson
Ranney, Sullivan	Swain, Cornelius	Wasley, John
Shaw, Henry Coffin	Taylor, Hugh Woodruff	Wright, John Bascomb—59.
Shurtleff, George Augustus	Tilghman, George	

**MARK MASTERS:**

French, Abel Claypool Pepper      Robbins, Henry Ephraim—2.

**RESTORED:**

Hickman, Edward      Langford, Benjamin Franklin—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Bailey, Lamartine Edward      Driver, Thomas      Foote, Henry Lewis  
Cooper, Calvin Savage      Fletcher, Willard Franklin      Taylor, Ed. Henry Courtney  
—6.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Beritzhoff, Alexander Chas.	Elliott, Lyman Weston	Roseman, Ferdinand
Bertrand, Louis	Hickman, Edward	Seltnacht, Frank
Brown, Philip Thomas	Keeler, William Henry	Selden, James Richard
Campbell, Wash'n Lafayette	McCleary, John	Smith, James Caldwell
Dyke, Ozro D.	Norton, Edward	Thresher, Minord Sprague
Eldridge, Samuel	Parker, Royal Bellows	Waterman, Sylvanus Dexter

—18.

**DIED:**

Choate, Thomas Baker      Steiny, Julius Robert—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....83	Withdrawn..... 6
Restored..... 2—85.	Suspended for non-paym't dues.18
	Died..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll..... 59—85.

**MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.**

North San Juan, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.*

**OFFICERS :**

John Storer McBride, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Frank Napoleon Morris, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Edward Lancaster, <i>King</i> ,	John Trood, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Frederick William Bank, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Jas. Lamberton McIntire, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Ambrose Seely, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John German, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Elon White, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Aphek Lorenzo Woodruff, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Reginald Powell, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Joseph Gordon Dickson, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests :**

John Ambrose Seely,      John Storer McBride.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Atwater, Henry	Freeman, Thomas	Morgan, John Thomas
Ayer, Leonard Barney	Furth, Simon	Netter, Nathan
Bell, Vincent George	Germiquet, Louis Adolph	Noblet, William Berry
Buhning, Louis	Harris, Thomas	Pascoe, Erasmus
Butler, Patrick Henry	Helwig, John Henry	Phillips, Reubin
Bremont, Camille Gustave	Henderson, Duncan	Reddington, James
Bristow, William	Hickman, John Clayborne	Rich, Henry Hudson
Cadwallader, Niram	Huff, William	Spooner, George Cummings
Chisholm, James	Inder, Job Staples	Stone, John
Courter, Henry Farley	Jepsen, Christian Otto	Stokes, David
Cull, Henry	Jepsen, Jacob	Swan, Anson Burlingame
Cunard, James Henry	Lewellyn, Daniel	Thomas, Richard
Davis, William Morgan	McCullough, James	Treanor, James McWade
Dunning, William	McMurray, Robert	Trood, William
Fitter, John	McCoy, John	Tucker, Joseph Bernard—57.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER :

Williams, William William—1.

## PAST MASTER :

Billing, John—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Ovitt, Alonzo Willis—1.

## EXCLUDED :

Beard, James Edward—1.

## DIED:

Hunter, John Benedick—1.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	58	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	2—60.	Excluded.....	1
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	57—60.

## NAPA CHAPTER, No. 30.

Napa, Napa County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Henry Hay Knapp, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Bradford, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Beeby Robinson, <i>King</i> ,	Daniel Burrell Parks, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Benjamin Shurtleff, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Andrews, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Peter Van Bever, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Conrad Horstmeyer, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
David Leopold Haas, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Wm. Courten's Schenck Smith, <i>M. 1st Vail</i> ,
Robert Crouch, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Amos Smith Knapp, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests :

Henry Hay Knapp,	Ralph Ellis,	William Bradford.
Robert Crouch,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Amstutz, Henry Louis	Fisher, William Frederick	Sampson, Andrew
Briggs, Sebra	Ford, George Wellman	Sayward, James Wheaton
Brown, Jacob Barry	Gottleson, Henry	Schoenewald, George
Carver, Dimsdill Burr	Greer, Thomas	Shaw, Matthew
Corwin, Louis Marion	Haas, Martin Luther	Sterling, Robert Henry
Davis, James Richardson	Hawks, John	Tucker, Nion Robert
Drysdale, Jas. Summerfield	Hoover, John	Wooley, Burt Ellphas
Ellis, Frederick Plummer	Mecklenburg, Joseph	Wines, Charles Buckley
Everts, Charles Nichols	Miller, Francis Ashbury	Zollner, John Ferdinand—40.

## PAST MASTER :

Bustelli, Gottardo—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Getz, Marcus

Holliday, William Henry—2.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Clark, Samuel Gilman

Hart, George—2.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report .....	41	Withdrawn.....	2
Affiliated.....	3—44.	Suspended for non-paym't dues	2
		Now borne upon the roll .....	40—44.

## MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 31.

Martinez, Contra Costa County.

*Stated Meetings, Monday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS :

Thomas Allen Brown, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Isidor Weiss, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer, <i>King</i> ,	William Girvan, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Simon Blum, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Solomon Newberger, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Morrell Hale, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Bernard Berach, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Atwood Sherman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Tucker, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Eli Robbin Chase, <i>Captain of the Hos'</i> ,	Francis Joseph Zieffer, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Thomas Allen Brown,	William Morrell Hale,	Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer.
Hiram Mills,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Baldwin, Barry	Gray, James	Shreeve, Benjamin
Bennett, George J	Hard, Roswell Burt	Slitz, John
Brown, Warren	Lambert, Hiram	Tours, Jacobus
Buckley, William Henry	Mathews, Felix A	Troy, John Henry
Carter, Thomas Orlando	Moore, John Adams	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Compton, William	O'Brien, John Conlin	Wall, George
Fernandez, Bernardo	Rankin, James	Walker, James Toumay
Fouch, John Franklin	Ruggles, Charles Augustus	Wiggins, George
Gallagher, Henry Clay	Shepard, Mark	Wright, George Creighton

—40.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	36	Now borne upon the roll.....	40—40.
Exalted.....	3		
Affiliated.....	1—40.		

## LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 33.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

*Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

Abraham Wolf Edelman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Edwin Rowan, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
James Seth Crawford, <i>King</i> ,	Moritz Morris, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Hinds, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Ansel Melin Bragg, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Meyer, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Rawson Butler, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Prager, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Michael Edward Ryan, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Samuel Calvert Foy, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Herman Neidecken, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests :

Abraham Wolf Edelman,	Francis Pliny Fiske Temple,	Samuel Calvert Foy,
Henry Sayre Orme,	Samuel Prager,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Alexander, Henry Nash	Gross, Frederick	Melton, William Jasper
Allen, Gabriel	Grymes, George Anderson	Meyerstein, Herman
Barrows, Henry Dwight	Hammel, Henry	Narbonne, Nath'l Andrew
Baruch, Berthold	Hewitt, Elbridge Edward	Pearson, Richmond
Baruch, Jacob	Hitchcock, Elijah Benton	Porter, Theo. Cunningham
Bassett, James Madison	Jackson, Robert Everett	Portugal, Adolph
Bennett, Silas	Jacobs, Lewis	Reynolds, John Jefferson
Brooks, Daniel William	Jacoby, Herrman	Ryan, Andrew William
Buffum, William Mansfield,	Jaeger, Lewis J. F.	Salisbury, John Caleb
Bruning, Henry Nicholas	Kidd, Wm. Henry Archibald	Salter, Anton
Brunson, Anson	Lambie, William Thomas	Sally, Thomas
Campbell, Al. Melancthon	Lambourne, Frederick	Spence, Edward Fallis
Carter, Julius Munson	Leake, Edward	Spratt, James W
Cohen, Solomon	Lecouvreur, Frank	Stewart, Granville Quincy
Craigue, Solon William	Levy, Michael	Thompson, Peter
Denker, Andrew Henry	Loew, Jacob	Weil, Jacob
Downey, John Gately	Long, Jerry	Weston, Benjamin S.
Ducommun, Charles Louis	McLellan, Geo. Frederick	Yapp, Frederick George.
Flanigan, Thomas Joseph		—49.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Russell, Henry T—1.

## RESTORED:

Jacoby, Herrman—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Burns, James Franklin

Lazzarovich, John—2.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Jacoby, Nathan	Stannard, Benjamin Asa	Temple, Thomas Workman.
Michaelis, Marcus		—4.

## DIED :

Beane, Charles E.—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	65	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	6	Suspended for non-paym't dues.	4
Affiliated.....	4	Died.....	1
Restored.....	1—76.	Now borne upon the roll.....	69—76.

**ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 34.****La Porte, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Thomas Alonzo McFarland, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Jacob Sammons, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
George McLeod, <i>King</i> ,	Aaron Lorenzo Dwinel, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
William Davis Thorn, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Gilbert McDonald, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Carr McFarland, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Dixon Brabban, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Mortimer Worton, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
George Washington Cox, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Alexander Brown, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests :**

Abel McFarland,	Maxwell Gaddis Hill,	Thomas Alonzo McFarland.
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS :**

Chittenden, Henry Hatfield	Lloyd, John Preston	Schultz, John Frederick
Clough, Greenleaf Greeley	McQuestion, Charles Oliver	Small, Jacob
Dempster, James	Patterson, Robert Pagan	Smith, Charles
Descombes, Francis	Robson, August Frederick	Sutherland, Roderick
Douglass, John	Schofield, Miles	Thomas, John Hiram
Hendel, Charles William	Schofield, Mark	Ward, William—32.

**WITHDRAWN :**

Anderson, Elias	Edwards, James Edwin	Kling, Francis Joseph
Boring, Isaac Campbell	Jenkins, John Wesley	Ruppert, Charles—6.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report.....	37	Withdrawn.....	6
Affiliated.....	1—38.	Now borne upon the roll.....	32—38.

**NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 35.****Vallejo, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Mattison Myers, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Roney, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Frank Douglas Mead, <i>King</i> ,	Ensign Kimball Helmes, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Roland Jackson McDaniel, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Alex. Bertsch Bertosckey, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Edward Thompson Starr, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Oren Hartwell Butler, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
George Fayette Mallett, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Howland Jordon, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Jonathan Bond, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Thompson, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests :**

John Mills Browne,	Alex. Hopkins Hichborn,	Frank Douglas Mead,
Mattison Myers,	George Fayette Mallett,	James Roney.
Osgood Hilton,	Charles Daly,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aden, Remmer Joh'n Rem's	Hallen, Christian Theo. B.	Rutherford, David
Aden, John Remmers	Haskins, Enoch William	Sailor, John Henry
Aden, Melchert Remmers	Harrier, Daniel Webster	Sides, George Elvin
Anderson, Henry	Henderson, Orrington Lunt	Savage, Thomas
Benas, Benjamin	Higson, Frederick Delmer	Shillingsburg, William
Brown, Roswell Homer	Hilborn, Samuel Greely	Smith, John Daniel
Brownlie, John	Irving, Andrew Kerr	Snow, Hiram King
Bruce, Henry	Laviere, Frank	Spencer, John Abram
Carter, William	Little, Samuel	Taylor, Byron Isaac
Chandler, Robert	McCobb, Abiel Henry	Thomas, John
Clausen, August Ernst	McCool, Daniel Miller	Titcomb, John Locke
Clark, William Henry	McLees, Edmund	Toothaker, Harvey Paring'tn
Crowley, Thomas Jefferson	McPike, Andrew Jackson	Topley, James
Dare, John Thomas	Morse, Charles Alonzo	Tripp, William Henry
Denio, Cyrenius Blackman	Passallaqua, Bennaditto	Voorhees, Albert Parsons
Drake, Frank	Perkins, Alonzo	Wall, Charles John
Drake, Franklin Jeremiah	Phillips, James	West, Daniel
Edgcombe, Joseph Collins	Plaisted, George Pomroy	Whitman, Russell
Farley, Dallas Jones	Pelham, Alexander	Willats, Edward Albert
Fassett, Thomas Odeon	Powell, Abraham	Williams, Robert Adrian
Faust, John	Robinson, Jno. Buckingham	Williston, John Edward
Frey, John	Rogers, David William	Wilson, William Cason
Garland, Frank	Ross, David Campbell	Wilson, Albion Paris
Gottschalk, Charles	Rothenbush, Peter	Wilson, George Wilkins
Grove, Charles	Rounds, George	Wright, Martin Jeremiah
Haas, Solomon Leon		—92.

## WITHDRAWN:

Ferebee, Nelson McPherson—1.

## EXCLUDED:

Pettis, William Henry

Frisby, William Edward—2.

## DIED:

Hobbs, Isaac

Regeney, Edward Henry—2.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	95	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	2—97.	Excluded.....	2
		Died.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	92—97.

## ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 36.

Oakland, Alameda County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

James Dods, <i>High Priest,</i>	James Johnson Porter, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
George Edwin Whiting, <i>King,</i>	John Elliot Benton, <i>Royal Arch Captaln,</i>
Edward Edmund Potter, <i>Scribe,</i>	Charles Edmund Davis, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Charles Henri Frederic Braun, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Harmon Greenman, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
James Edward Ingols, <i>Secretary,</i>	Isaac Ash Skinner, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Frank Worthy Cushing, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Alfred Septimus Baker, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Alpheus Fuller Williams, Walter Laidlaw, Frank Worthy Cushing,  
 Nathan Weston Spaulding, William Addison Walter, John Barton Harden.  
 James Doda,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allardt, George Frederick	Hamilton, Laurentine	Pardee, Enoch Homer
Antisell, Thomas Murphy	Hamilton, William Thomas	Patterson, George
Atchison, Bezaleel Merritt	Harmon, John Brown	Phillips, John Waterman
Ball, Ambrose Everett	Haven, Charles Dwight	Pinkerton, Thomas Hamill
Banks, Charles Wells	Haslehurst, William	Ranlett, Horace Dodge
Bartlett, Pliny	Healy, Jessie	Rector, Ludlow James
Boone, William Ely	Irwin, Harry Frost	Reichling, Francis
Bones, Samuel West	Kendall, Alpheus	Rodolph, Frank Bequette
Borland, Archibald	Knickerbocker, Niles	Rutherford, Charles Board'n
Bradley, John Tilford	Kutz, George Fitzgerald	Sessions, Edward Cathcart
Bragdon, Edmund Jr.	Lagrange, Oscar Hugh	Sherman, William
Bruce, Samuel James	Lamping, Peter A	Shorey, Albert
Burleson, Charles Myron	Lancaster, Joseph	Taggart, Grantham Israel
Burrell, Alfred William	Loring, George York	Tibbals, John Sherman
Collins, Albert Williams	Mastick, Joseph Wood	Tubbs, Hiram
Cunningham, Parlan R	McClure, David	Twombly, Charles Henry
Cushing, John	McGillivray, Joseph	Underwood, Henry Dayton
Cutting, James Ripley	McGuire, Jessy Milton	Van Dyke, Walter
Dusibury, Myr. Thompson	Metcalf, George Dickson	Walker, George Russell
Elliot, Washington	Miller, William Noble	Walker, Edward Emery
Emery, Joseph Stickney	Miller, Peter	Walton, Jessy
Everson, Wallace	Monnet, Louis	Ward, Robert
Farrington, Elvin Dunn	Moore, Albert Alphonso	Watson, John Braddock
Foulkes, James Franklin	O'Beirne, Joseph Francis	Williams, Robert Neal
Gaskill, Rollin Carolus	Palmer, Charles Theo. Hart	Wilson, William
Gordon, Jas. Smith Gilman	Palmer, Cassius Clay	Winchester, John Packer
Graham, William Morrow		—96.

**RESTORED :**

Allardt, George Frederick—1.

**WITHDRAWN :**

Craven, Harry Smith

Payne, Warren Rich—2.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :**

Case, Isham	Fairchild, Oscar Lewellyn O.	Westcott, Edward Wilson
Crawford, John William	Smith, James Dale	Yule, John—8.
Duncan, James Wesley	Webster, Edgar Jerome	

**EXPELLED :**

Pinney, George M—1.

**DIED :**

Arnold, Thomas Jefferson—1.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report.....	101	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	4	Suspended for non-paym't dues..	8
Affiliated.....	2	Expelled.....	1
Restored... ..	1—108.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	96—108.



**SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.****Colfax, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Alexander Gibson Oliver, <i>High Priest,</i>	Isaac Tibbitts Coffin, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
William Bainbridge Storey, <i>King,</i>	Elias Lowe McClure, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Leopold Lobner, <i>Scribe,</i>	Wanton Alfred Himes, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Barrows Hayford, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Samuel Edward Swensson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Morris Lobner, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Swift Makins, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Thomas Boden, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Leland Cadjew, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests :**Jacob Hart Neff, *P. G. H. P.*

Alexander Gibson Oliver.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS :**

Allen, Lorenzo Thomas	Johnson, Gustav Adolphus	Provan, William
Bradley, Elisha Lafayette	King, Thornton	Rathburn, John Bell
Cloudman, Octavius King	Kopp, Charles Mann	Ritchie, John William
Disque Henry	Lekamp, John Henry	Rogers, Joseph
Eahbach, David Meyer	Murphy, Bernard	Thomas, John Young
Gilbert, Timothy	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson	Thomas, Ephraim Mariner
Graham, Robert Hill	Osborn, Robert Smith	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins
Hayford, James Barrows	Osborn, Watson Brown	Vincent, Nicholas
Hodgdon, James Peverly	Oliver, William Gibson	Voss, Louis—42.
Holmes, James	Peden, Albert Oliver	

**PAST MASTERS :**

Ellis, Henry

Marx, Charles—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Cabot, George Colburn

Ludlum, Thomas Badgley—2.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Parks, James Harvey—1.

**DIED :**

Cook, James

Gardner, Melvin Syms—2.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report .....	46	Withdrawn.....	2
Affiliated .....	1—47.	Suspended for non-payment dues	1
		Died .....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	42—47.

**SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 38.****Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS :**

Louis Schwartz, <i>High Priest,</i>	Bernhart Wise, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Thomas Amner, <i>King,</i>	Frank Geo. Menefee, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Samuel Drennan, <i>Scribe,</i>	Frederick Adams, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Richard Thompson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Henry Skinner, <i>Secretary,</i>	Edward Swift West, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Wm. Nelson Cummings, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	William Henry Bias, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priest:**

Peter Richmond Hinds.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Garratt, Richard Moses	McKiernan, Charles
Chace, John Day	Gilchrist, Adam	Perky, Frederick George
Daubenbiss, John	Hall, Richard Harrison	Place, George Washington
Ely, William	Hinds, David	Smith, James Morgan
Fitch, Edwin	Kilburn, Fred'k Augustus	Williams, Edward Lawrence
Fagan, Pierce Bye	Lincoln, Charles Henry	—30.

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:**

Handy, Forrest Nelson—1.

**EXCLUDED:**

Felker, William—1.

**DIED:**

Wellington, Edmund—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....32—32	Excluded.....1
	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....30—32.

**DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.**

Truckee, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jehu Davis Park, <i>High Priest</i> ,	George Wm. Dunster, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Giulio Beanda, <i>King</i> ,	Jos. Dearborn Hilton, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Wilson Shannon Dixon, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Wellington Hoy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Hiram Whitehead Roberts, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Hogan Johnson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Fayette McGlashan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thos. Maria Bittancourt, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Michael Luxenberger, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Russell Hunter Chandler, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Charles Fayette McGlashan,	Elle Ellen,	William Joab Shinn.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Bacon, Benjamin Franklin	Graham, Andrew Jackson	Morrison, William
Bernardi, Julius De	Harris, Jacob	Nichols, Albert S
Brickell, Edward John	Hauton, Daniel	Ogilvie, David
Buckley, John Mason	Hill, William Henry	Peck, Nelson Stanley
Campbell, William Baker	Hutchinson, John T	Royal, George
Cullen, Thomas	Jacquel, Julien	Richardson, George Wash.
Davis, Jonathan	Jenkins, Samuel R	Richardson, Warren
Doan, Latimer Emery	Jessett, William	Schaffer, George
Douglas, John	Joesink, Bern. Hendricus	Stirling, James
Forsyth, Thomas	Leach, David Walter	Trott, Charles Cornelius
Frates, Frank	Marzen, Joseph	Watson, William Myron
Gaylord, Eben Hills	Marzen, Joseph, Jr.	Weed, Abner
Giffen, George Washington	Merrill, Harvey	Wood, George—53.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER :

Dunn, Henry George—1.

## RESTORED :

Gray, William Cushman—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Adolph, Julius

Rabel, Frank

Shields, Michael—4.

Gray, William Cushman

## DIED :

Hyslop, Robert

Park, Aaron Davis—2.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report .....	54	Withdrawn .....	4
Exalted .....	4	Died .....	2
Restored .....	1—59.	Now borne upon the roll .....	53—59.

## RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.

Red Bluff, Tehama County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Saturdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS :

Adoniram Judson Loomis, <i>High Priest,</i>	Robert Hurd Blossom, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
James Bartle Roberts, <i>King,</i>	Henry Charles Richart, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
William Boyd Parker, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Clements, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Brewer Oahoone, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Charles Erskine Fish, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Horace Allen Mayhew, <i>Secretary,</i>	Curtis Durkee Ballard, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Herman H'y Wiendieck, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Samuel Lewis, <i>Guard.</i>

## Past High Priests :

Adoniram Judson Loomis,

John Clements.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Alvord, Charles Theodore	Gedney, David Wetmore	Sayer, Edwin Weaver
Banks, Jerome	Griggs, Sidney Allen	Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Beecher, Gustavus Winfield	Hansen, Hans	Schoenfeld, Jeremiah
Oadwallader, Charles	Healy, Lucien Bonaparte	Schoeder, Aug. G. Barnhart
Campbell, Remembrance H.	Houghton, Francis	Swain, Theodore Steven
Campbell, Charles Abijah	Kingsley, George Leeman	Thomas, Samuel S
Cone, Joseph Spencer	Merrill, Nathaniel	Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
Onkling, Joseph G	Miller, Francis	Vestal, Frank A
Copeland, Hosmer Curtis	Posner, Max	Voluntine, John Chapman
Crocker, Nathan	Pule, George	Wadsworth, Silas Marsden
DeHaven, Jehiel Smith	Rawson, Hiram Allen	Welton, Lamson Scoville
DeHaven, Jos. Lapaley G'd	Reiser, Ellis	Williams, Manly Delos
Galland, Joseph Barnett	Ryan, Thomas R	Wilson, Henry Clay—51.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Boice, Thomas Cartmill	Champlin, George	Jeffres, George Woodson
Cameron, James Strong	Hale, John Stewart	Lewis, Edward Jefferson—8.
Campbell, William Olark	Howard, William Henry	

## DIED :

Elkins, Henry Maret

Roscoe, Frank Henry—2.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....51	Suspended for non-payment of dues 8
Exalted.....10—61.	Died ..... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....51—61.

## TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 41.

Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

William George Hudson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Nelson Besse, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
James Waters, <i>King</i> ,	Columbus Charles Jones, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
George Arthur Trafton, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Martin Phelan, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Jeremiah Sheldon Chapman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Bela Sargent Andrews, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Lewis Thomas, <i>Secretary</i> ,	David Medcalf Aldrich, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Martin Rogers, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> .	Lewis Allen See, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests :

James Martin Rogers,	John Nelson Besse,	William George Hudson.
James Waters,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Gagnon, Michael	Mynatt, Elvin Farran
Blankenship, James Allen	Goldwater, Julius Abraham	Payne, John Sydney
Brewington, Geo. Hamilton	Greenbaum, William	Porter, John Thomas
Brown, James Hiram	Halstead, James La Fayette	Rea, James William
Brown, John Bernard	Ingham, James	Rea, Samuel
Brownstone, David	Landrum, William Merrimon	Reeve, Henry Francis
Card, George Boardman	Linacott, James Austin	Stroud, Tracy
Chalmers, Alexander	Martin, Enos James	Trafton, John Edmund
Craig, Andrew	Mauk, Edwin Franklin	Warner, Henry Conrad
Flint, Thomas	Mitchell, Charles Edward	West, Henry Edgar
Fowler, Charles	Moffatt, Thomas	Williamson, William—47.
Friermuth, Hervey Weston	Morris, Moses	

## EXCLUDED:

Ross, William Wallace—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....48—48.	Excluded..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....47—48.

**CHICO CHAPTER, No. 42.****Chico, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Faulkner, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Cyrus Greenleaf Warren, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Albert Judson Gifford, <i>King</i> ,	John Ross Robinson, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Garrett Wells Walraven, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Hiram Treat Batchelder, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Alexander Hill Crew, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Rochester York Rundel, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Davison, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Lauritz Hansen, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Robert Emmet Warren, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Jesse Wood, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
	Abram B Bidwell, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Charles Louis Pond,	Carnot Courtland Mason,	Robert Emmet Warren.
Rufus Mycagah Cochran		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Bennett, Isaac Rugg	Gwynn, Pleasant Medrian	Nelson, Charles Anderson
Bidwell, John	Heath, William Daniel	Nichols, Edward Cuyler
Boucher, Josiah	Haughton, Jos. Richardson	Noonan, Jerry Childs
Bradley, William Leroy	Holmes, Henry Preston	Papst, Albert
Breed, Levi Newton	Hoole, Edward	Papst, Charles James
Chapman, Augustus Harley	Hubbs, Benjamin Albert	Sawyer, Alexander
Colby, Gilbert Winslow	Hibbard, Albert A	Shand, George
Daniels, Samuel	Jackson, Frank Mason	Springer, Watson King
Decker, James Madison	Jones, Benjamin Franklin	Stevens, Warren Charles
Dodson, Thomas Hulen	King, William Duncan	Turner, Jehn Alphonso
Durham, Wm. Wellington	Leininger, Obadiah	Turner, John Calvin
Durham, George Wardell	McIntosh, Lewis Harrison	Turner, William Tomes
Elliott, John Patriok	Miller, Charles Alton	Van Woert, William
Garner, John Mortimer	Mitchell, James Ewing	Wetherbee, Ira Alston
Graves, Fountain Columbus	Montgomery, J.W. Bradford	Young, Alexander—61.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Hamlin, George Lawrence—1.

**EXCLUDED:**

Tanquary, Oliver Hazzard Perry—1.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report.....62	Withdrawn.....1
Affiliated.....1—63.	Excluded.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....61—63.

**SOLANO CHAPTER, No. 43.****Suisun, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Eben Dorman Perkins, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jos. Fairbanks Wendell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Jacob Henry Bauman, <i>King</i> ,	Abner Elias Charles, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Daniel McCreary, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Freeman Hunnewell, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, <i>Treas.</i> ,	William Leithhead, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Kimball Hoyt, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Henry Harris, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Allen Charles Miller, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Gustavus Davisson, <i>Guard</i> .

## TO THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CAL

### Past High Priests:

Stephen Kirby Nurse, Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, Allen Charles Miller.  
Joseph Fairbanks Wendell,

### ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Capell, James Smith	Hoyt, Julien Buel	Reeves, Columbus Palestine
Cerkel, Wolf	Jones, Joseph Pickle	Reeves, Duke Davis
Chapman, Aiddeline Z	Lockie, John Albert	Robbins, Ruel Drinkwater
Coghlan, Oscar Rapier	Marston, Jeremiah Hobbs	Robinson, John
Dinkelspeil, Adolph	Miller, Meredith Rains	Smith, Sampson
Emigh, Thomas Powell	Moore, Arthur	Stamper, Joseph Wolf
Garüner, George Gordon	Morris, Samuel Anthony	Stewart, Samuel
Gettier, Charles Peter	Pietzockie, Marsell	Stephens, William Bell
Hoyt, George Adolphus	Pine, Charles Andrew	Vance, James Munroe—40.

### WITHDRAWN:

Poole, Josiah—1.

### DIED:

Wells, William Sewall—1.

### RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	42—42.	Withdrawn.....	1
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	40—43.

## VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.

Visalia, Tulare County.

*Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.*

### OFFICERS:

Andrew Henderson Broder, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Robert Chidley Broder, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
William Harland, <i>King</i> ,	Richard Hubbard Stevens, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Green Berry Crowley, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Edward Denny, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John William Crowley, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Joseph Clarence Ward, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Julius Jacob Mack, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Isaac Munroe Harter, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Oscar Stephanus Johnson, <i>Capt'n of Host</i> ,	Alpha Hayden Glasscock, <i>Guard</i> .

### Past High Priests:

Andrew Henderson Broder, Robert Chidley Broder.

### ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bacigalupi, Theodore	Gilroy, Launcelot	Russell, William Alex.
Baker, Martin	Guggenheim, Leon	Smith, George Welworth
Berry, James Clark	Hackett, Henry	Stoneman, Finis Ewing
Broder, Celsus	Hockett, John Benjamin	Touhy, John
Chatten, Richard	Henry, Albert Reece	Tracy, Perus Sprague
Davissou, Israel	Kelly, Thomas Almareno	Wells, Morgan James
Eaton, Mathew	Nelson, Swan Peter	Wells, John Thomas
Elkins, Abiel	Parker, Basil Gaither	Wingfield, Charles Rousseau
Earey, Justin	Parker, Jeremiah	Woods, Edward Powers—39.

### WITHDRAWN:

Owen, William Rensslear

Spencer, Theodore—2.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Branks, Robert	Compton, Warren	Kirkland, Berry Spencer
Byrd, Pleasant	Creighton, Samuel Gray	Murray, Abram Hunter—6.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....45	Withdrawn.....2
Exalted.....2—47.	Suspended for non-paym't of dues 6
	Now borne upon the roll.....39—47.

## SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.

Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Robert Press Smith, Jr., <i>High Priest</i> ,	Chas. Hazelwood Holmes, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas P. Baxter, <i>King</i> ,	Cyrus Sidney Gleason, <i>Royal Arch Capt'n</i> ,
Francis Jerome Bonaparte Glynn, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edward Neblett, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Prindle, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Zalmer Arthmul Short, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Acton, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Lorraine Phelps, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Ripley Wright, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Martin Van Buren Vanderhoof, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Adolphus Leigh Fitzgerald,	Elijah Thompson Farmer.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Wm. Lafayette	Gordon, James Burns	Murdock, Lewis Anthony
Appleton, Wellington	Griggs, Joseph Henry	Nelson, Alfred
Bean, Charles Henry	Griggs, William Benjamin	Oliver, John Salter
Bloom, Jonas	Grindle, Joshua	Overton, Albert Perry
Bond, William Hammet	Halling, Frederick	Park, David Harrison
Berka, John	Harris, Jacob	Park, Alvah W
Brown, Samuel	Hewlett, Edmund Palmer	Percival, Walter C
Brown, John	Hoffer, Charles Augustus	Russell, Henry Davis
Buckland, Leonard Harris'n	Holmes, Henderson Phineas	Siegelken, Ernst August
Burris, David	Hoover, Abram	Sink, Reuben Henry
Byrness, John Carroll	Hughes, John	Spencer, Byron M
Caldwell, Francis Marion	Ink, Walter Payne	Stoddard, Joel
Carillo, Julio	Jackson, Ed. Newton Barn's	Stoddard, William
Dalton, Thomas Benton	Johnson, James George	Straney, Francis Marion
Dana, Alfred Wadsworth	Julian, John	Strom, William
Davis, Elisha Lacy	Keneday, George Henry	Taylor, John Shackelford
Davis, Milo Smith	Korbel, Anton Francis	Thompson, Robt. Augu's, Jr.
Davissan, Daniel D.	Label, Hermon	Waddell, Joseph
Doxier, Linwood	Legg, Amos	Walker, John
Duncan, James P	Lindberg, John Peter	Warren, Francis Goddard
Elliott, William Ross	Lord, Thomas	White, John McCullough
Estinghausen, Wm. Adams	Maddux, Lorenzo Dow	Wilkes, George Washington
Farmer, Christ'er Columb's	Mathews, John	Wilton, Thomas G
Fickas, Adam	McConnell, William Ellit	Wood, Benjamin Seawell
Fisher, Augustus Leander	McCormack, Wm. Andrews	Wright, Joseph
Fortson, John Thomas	McCrodan, James	Wright, James Madison
Fulkerson, Theodorus S.	McCallum, Alexander	Wright, James California
Fulkerson, Richard	McIlmoll, John	Young, Bird Sidney—99.
Gannon, James		

## PAST MASTER :

McConochie, Robert—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Bellamy, Benson Clarke	Hornbrook, Sanders	Montague, Lennie Davis
Carothers, Thomas Langley	McCowen, George	Updegraff, Jacob—7.
Donohoe, Jeremiah Henry		

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Beam, Jeremiah	Davis, William Wallace	Nicoll, Daniel Cox—8.
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## DIED :

Hailman, Peter A.—1.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	91	Withdrawn.....	7
Exalted.....	18	Suspended for non-pay't of dues.	3
Affiliated.....	1—110.	Died .....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	99—110.

## WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.

Woodland, Yolo County.

*Stated meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Thomas Cross Pockman, <i>High Priest,</i>	George Clayton Grimes, <i>Prtn. Sojourner,</i>
James Porter Bullock, <i>King,</i>	James Viers, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Daniel Monroe Burns, <i>Scribe,</i>	Donald Frazer, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Dixon Stephens, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Humphrey Hicks, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
James Kerson Smith, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Edward Maltby, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Temple Perrin Magee, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Robert Wickliff Magowen, <i>Guard.</i>

## Past High Priests:

Thomas Cross Pockman,

Nicholas Wykoff.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Aronson, Henry	Goodin, Thomas Chelton	Markell, Richard Solomon
Bane Edward Francis	Griffith, Abraham	Miller, Frederick
Barney, Carey	Guthrie, Thomas Walker	Miller, Hezekiah Monroe
Bray, Edward Gaines	Harlan, Benjamin Franklin	Parramore, Edward Littleton
Cole, George Jermain	Harling, Micajah Oglesby	Prather, John Nathaniel
Dexter, Lorenzo	Harper, Sterling Gorman	Proctor, Calderon Weld
Dresbach, William	Hill, Henry Abraham	Rodelph, Godfrey
Ely, Isaac Jefferson	Hurlburt, Daniel Bradley	Ross, Thomas
Everett, Philip George	Jacobs, John	Schindler, David
Freeman, Frank'n Sylvester	John, James	Simpson, John Lowery
Frost, Charles Stincen	Johnson, Henry Foster	Snowball, John Wells
Furst, Leopold	Kean, Andrew Carlisle	Steiner, Adam J
Gable, Harvey Clinton	Larew, William Henry	Tebbs, Lilburne Ely
Geary, George James	Lowry, John William	Vaughn, Cornelius L Neuvaill
Gardner, Matthew	Marden, William Harrison	



## PAST MASTER:

Freeman, John Watts—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Bayley, Alexander Alonzo Lettner, Simon Henry—2.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....58      Withdrawn..... 2  
 Exalted..... 1—59.      Now borne upon the roll.....57—59.

## LASSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.

Susanville, Lassen County.

*Stated Meetings, Friday of or next succeeding Full Moon in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Ranshaw Lockwood, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Trowbridge Hyer Ward, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Zetus Newell Spalding, <i>King</i> ,	Philip Jacob Goumaz, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Eber Gaston Bangham, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Hurley, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Davis Knoch, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William David Minckler, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Albert Augustus Smith, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Branham, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Henry Crane, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Allen Wood, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests :

Allen Wood,	John Chaney Partridge,	John Ranshaw Lockwood.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Babcock, Charles Marsh	Latham, Melancthon S	Santee, Milton
Bereman, Henry	Leavett, Benjamin Hanson	Sawyer, John James
Brince, Herman	McKissick, Jacob	Segraves, John Henry
Brockman, William	Miller, William Henry	Sheldon, Benjamin Franklin
Cahlan, John	McDow, La Fayette Decatur	Sloss, Ferdinand Americus
Dill, Andrew	McGill, Robert Leslie	Snyder, Henry
Duncan, And. Cunningham	Miller, Andrew	Standart, George
Fitch, John Edward	Moon, Abraham Gillette	Stiles, Lyman Collins
Gary, William West	Munroe, Duncan Cameron	Streshly, Orlando
Grant, Alexander	Nalleigh, William Hill	Talbot, Enoch Stanwood
Gresham, Uriah	Otto, Anthony	Tanner, Dennis
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson	Pierce, George Strunk	Tucker, Duane Harrison
Kelley, John Davis	Proctor, George	Whitlock, James Henry
Kingsbury, William Charles	Pullen, Granville	Winchell, Hiram—57.
Kruger, Frank Christoph E	Sanders, Sanders	

## WITHDRAWN:

Black, Samuel Thorburn—1.

## DIED :

Young, William G—1.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....50	Withdrawn..... 1
Exalted..... 7	Died..... 1
Affiliated..... 2—59	Now borne upon the roll.....57—59.

**DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.****Dixon, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS :**

George Churchill McKinley, *High Priest*, Amiel Hockheimer, *Principal Sojourner*,  
 Henry Ewalt McCune, *King*, Orlando Lusk Bishop, *Royal Arch Captain*,  
 William Henry Wells, *Scribe*, Alexander Fraser, *Master 3d Vail*,  
 James St. Clair Garnett, *Treasurer*, James Charles North, *Master 2d Vail*,  
 Francis Marion Righter, *Secretary*, John William McFadyen, *Master 1st Vail*,  
 Henry Ackerson Ross, *Captain of the Host*, Frederick August Schnitzlein, *Guard*.

**Past High Priests:**

John Sweany,

Herman Eppinger.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS :**

Abbey, John Alexander	Ferguson, William Redmond	Merryfield, Justus Chandler
Agee, Christop'r Columbus	Gates, Thomas Milton	Munsie, John David
Baker, Roland Thomas	Goeffert, Henry	Pratt, Albert Harlowe
Blitch, Joseph Luke	Gordon, Melvin Barnes	Robinson, Christp'r Max'll
Brock, Tilman Howard	Gregory, Thomas Meradith	Simms, William
Bouchard, Andrew	Hill, William Washington	Steele, William
Burke, John	Johnson, James Otis	Summers, Andrew Good
Byrne, Daniel Dominic	Johnson, William	Talbott, John Green
Craig, Frederick	Killebrew, William	Tyler, Elias Mortimer
Currey, Montgomery Scott	Longmire, Daniel	Welfskill, Edward—46.
Ettlinger, Bernhard	McLean, Fleming	

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:**

Hewer, Henry

Kelly, Benjamin Franklin—2.

**WITHEWDRAWN:****SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT:**

Mayne, William Thomas—1.

Kirsch, John Philip—1.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report.....47	Withdrawn.....	1
Affiliated.....1—48.	Suspended.....	1
	Now borne upon the roll.....	46—48.

**MODESTO CHAPTER, No. 49.****Modesto, Stanislaus County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Chas. Louis Adolph Hewel, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Rodgers, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Isaac Ripperdan, <i>King</i> ,	Patrick Manning, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Jesse James Chapman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Visser, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
George Washington Toombs, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry George James, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Lawson Burfoot Walthal, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Michael Braun, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Sept'us Allen Cleveland, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Thomas Cookson, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
	Charles Isaac Carner, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

William John Houston,      Septimus Allen Cleveland,      Elihu Burritt Beard.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Burkett, Alexander	Horton, Dickinson Courtney	Teeter, John Dallas
Eagleson, Erastus	Jacobs, Henry	Wardrobe, Samuel V
Dorsey, Caleb	Newsom, John Moore	Wilson, Thomas Andrew
Dowda, Geo. Washington	Stewart, Alexander	—26.

**PAST MASTERS:**

Armstrong, James Lapsley      Lawrence, George      Wright, Christopher Columbus—3.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....26.      Now borne upon the roll.....26.

**VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.**

**San Buenaventura, Ventura County.**

*Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

Jonathan Doan Hines, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles Henry Davis, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
James Allen Day, <i>King</i> ,	Richard Cox, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Nehemiah Blackstock, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Marion Brooks, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Volney Alexander Simpson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Henry Arundell, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Geo. Shoebridge Gilbert, Jr., <i>Secretary</i> ,	Andrew Clemmens, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
LaFayette Findla Eastin, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Henry Spear, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Jonathan Doan Hines,      Charles Henry Davis.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Blanchard, Nathan Weston	Finney, Charles Grandison	McKeeby, Lemuel Clarke
Bard, Cephas Little	Fisher, Joseph	Sparks, William Ware
Bard, Thomas Robert	Gay, Miles Hervey	Smith, Alvin Billings
Cannon, Marion	Grimes, Brice	Stanchfield, Levi Gould
Chaffee, Walter Scott	Gilbert, Thomas	Surdam, Royes Gaylord
Chrisman, Gilpin Wallace	Knighten, William Ammon	Tompkins, John Givens—31.
Edwards, Evan Alfred		

**PAST MASTER:**

Burrill, William Henry—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....31      Now borne upon the roll.....31.

## CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 51.

Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.

*Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

George Edward Childs, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benj. Franklin Thomas, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Rollin Dunshee, <i>King</i> ,	Joseph Va Hart, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Nelson Collins, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Jos. Michael Garreston, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
George F. Trenwith, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Archibald W. Phillips, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edgar Luzern Paddock, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Eliakim Tupper Gourley, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Henry Clifton, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

John Peck Stearns,

George Edward Childs.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Babcock, Leonard	Hayman, Albert	Meroux, Joseph
Casebser, Joseph William	Hill, Jessie	Norway, William Henry
Damm, Andrew	Hunt, Charles Clifford	Parsons, Jacob
Ealand, Joseph	Hunt, Richard Orville	Stafford, Owen Andrew
Faber, George	Mallorqui, Jose	Walker, Frank
Fawcett, Eugene	Marcy, Harvey Bradley	Williams, Jas. Orlando—31.
Hart, Thomas		

## WITHDRAWN:

Wilson, Albert Calhoun J.—1.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bowers, Stephen	Gratiot, Charles Cronk	Rich, Joseph Addison—5.
Forbes, John Clarence	Olmstead, Stephen Hart	

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	34	Withdrawn .....	1
Exalted .....	3—37.	Suspended for non-paym't of dues, 5	
		Now borne upon the roll.....	31—37.

## HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.

Eureka, Humboldt County.

*Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Andrew Watson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jos. Dibble Hoyt Chamberlain, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
D. Clinton Scott, <i>King</i> ,	Harris Burns Wentworth, <i>Royal A. Captain</i> ,
Silas Montgomery Buck, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Justus Edwin Wyman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Jewett McNamara, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Alexander Campbell, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Patterson Hanna, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Carson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Bryce, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Charles Frederick McCann, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priest:

John Andrew Watson.

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Becker, Charles	Greenwald, Julius	Leventhal, Abraham
Brown, Thomas McGinnis	Hall, Richard	Matrau, Benjamin Franklin
Bull, John Clark Jr.	Halloran, James	Russ, Joseph
Case, Horace Smith	Hart, Plummer Frederick	Sevier, Abner Dill
Coates, John Pim	Hetfield, Albert DeForest	Wallace, Malcolm Joseph
Cutler, Thomas	Hetherington, John Jr.	Willey, John Bassett
Grinnell, Alvan Sampson	Legg, Francis Anthony	—32.

## PAST MASTER:

Trost, John Henry—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Hitchcock, Abraham Farr—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....25	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....6	Now borne upon the roll.....32—33.
Affiliated.....1—33.	

## UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.

Ukiah, Mendocino County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Wesley Jenkins, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thos. Langley Barnes, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Luther Burchard, <i>King</i> ,	Jacob Updegraff, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Thomas Langley Carothers, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Lemuel Davis Montague, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Albertson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Benson Clarke Bellamy, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George, McCowan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Sanders Hornbrook, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Jeremiah H'y Donohoe, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	_____, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priest:

John Wesley Jenkins.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnes, William Henry	Haskell, William Hanscomb	McGarvey, Robert
Briggs, Moses Carson	Heald, George William	Osborn, Daniel Henry
Day, Louis Taylor	Isbell, William	Reed, John Smith
Hagans, Wallace Montg'y	Mathews, James Robert	Zimmerman, William Tell
		—23.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Healy, Whitcomb—1.

## PAST MASTER:

Cliff, John Ford—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation.....11	Now borne upon the roll.....23—23.
Exalted.....11	
Affiliated.....1—23.	

## LAKEPORT CHAPTER, U. D.

Lakeport, Lake County, Cal.

[No returns received.]

## REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California.

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Canada,.....*	.....
District of Columbia,.....	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Iowa,.....	ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, P. G. H. P., ..... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Kentucky,.....*	.....
Louisiana,.....	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, P. G. H. P.,... <i>Nevada</i> ;
Maryland,.....*	.....
Maine,.....	LEONIDAS E. PRATT, P. H. P.,..... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Mississippi,.....	GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, Past Grand H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Missouri,.....	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
New Jersey,.....	WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Oregon,.....	GEORGE CLEMENT PERKINS, P. H. P.,..... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Quebec,.....	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Vermont,.....*	.....

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\* Vacant.

## REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA

NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

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Canada,.....	HENRY MCPHERSON,.....	<i>Owen Sound, Ont'o;</i>
Colorado,.....	IRVING W. STANTON,.....	<i>Pueblo</i> ;
Iowa,.....	WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE,.....	<i>Muscatine</i> ;
Kansas,.....	JOHN BROWN,.....	<i>Leavenworth</i> ;
Kentucky,.....	HENRY BOSTWICK,.....	<i>Covington</i> ;
Louisiana,.....	J. Q. A. FELLOWS,.....	<i>New Orleans</i> ;
Maine,.....	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,.....	<i>Portland</i> ;
Maryland,.....	EDWARD T. SHULTZ,.....	<i>Baltimore</i> ;
Massachusetts,.....	JOHN MCCLELLAN,.....	<i>Boston</i> ;
Minnesota,.....	SILAS R. MERRILL,.....	<i>St. Paul</i> ;
Mississippi,.....	HARVEY W. WALTER,.....	<i>Holly</i> ;
Missouri,.....	WILLIAM WILLMOTT,.....	<i>Hamilton</i> ;
Nebraska,.....	E. A. ALLEN,.....	<i>Omaha</i> ;
New Hampshire,.....	JOHN J. BELL,.....	<i>Exeter</i> ;
New Jersey,.....	EDWARD GOELLER,.....	<i>Trenton</i> ;
New York,.....	JOHN L. LEWIS,.....	<i>New York</i> ;
Quebec,.....	FRANK EDGAR,.....	<i>Montreal</i> ;
South Carolina,.....	AUGUSTIN T. SMYTHE,.....	<i>Charleston</i> ;
Tennessee,.....	TOWNSEND A. THOMAS,.....	<i>Nashville</i> ;
Vermont,.....	THEODORE S. PECK,.....	<i>Burlington</i> ;
West Virginia,.....	KEPHART D. WALKER,.....	<i>Fairmount</i> ;
Wisconsin,.....	M. M. COTHREN,.....	<i>Madwaukee</i> .

## GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter, July 28, A. I. 2384.

1854.

CHARLES M. RADOLIFF, *Grand High Priest.* A. B. HOY,.....*Grand King.*  
JOHN D. CREIGH, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*HUGH G. PLATT,.....*Grand Scribe.*

1855.

JOHN D. CREIGH,.... *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR,.... *Grand King.*  
\*ISAAC DAVIS,.... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* LEVERETT BRADLEY,..... *Grand Scribe.*

1856.

\*ORANGE H. DIBBLE, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST,..... *Grand King.*  
WM. W. TRAYLOR, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON,..... *Grand Scribe.*

1857.

WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST... .. *Grand King.*  
THOS. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON,..... *Grand Scribe.*

1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON,..... *Grand King.*  
WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*HENRY HARE HARTLEY,.... *Grand Scribe.*

1859.

WHITING G. WEST,.... *Grand High Priest.* \*AARON D. PARK,..... *Grand King.*  
\*H. H. HARTLEY, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*LEWIS REYNOLDS,..... *Grand Scribe.*

1860.

\*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* JAMES W. BICKNELL,..... *Grand King.*  
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand Scribe.*

1861.

\*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* \*EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR. *Grand King.*  
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK,..... *Grand Scribe.*

1862.

ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.... *Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK,.... .. *Grand King.*  
\*EZRA H. VAN DECAR,.... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH,..... *Grand Scribe.*

1863.

\*EZRA H. VAN DECAR,.... *Grand High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH,..... *Grand King.*  
JOHN KIRKPATRICK,.... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES,..... *Grand Scribe.*

1864.

\*ISAAC DAVIS,..... *Grand High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH,..... *Grand King.*  
JOHN KIRKPATRICK,.... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES,..... *Grand Scribe.*

1865.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK,.... *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES,..... *Grand King.*  
\*CHAS. MARSH,.... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* ISAAC S. TITUS,..... *Grand Scribe.*

\* Deceased.

## 1866.

\*CHARLES MARSH, ... *Grand High Priest.* ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand King.*  
WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1867.

ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand High Priest.* \*JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JAS. A. JACKSON, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1868.

\*JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand High Priest.* JAS. LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand King.*  
GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1870.

GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand King.*  
JAS. LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1871.

JAS. L. ENGLISH, ... *Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand King.*  
JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* \*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1872.

JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1873.

WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1874.

WM. ALEX. JANUARY, *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*  
WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1875.

WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Grand High Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand King.*  
ALEX. G. ABELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1876.

ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*  
HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1877.

HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand King.*  
JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1878.

JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand High Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand King.*  
NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1879.

NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Gr. High Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand King.*  
WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

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\*Deceased.



## LIST OF GRAND CHAPTERS.

## LIST OF CHAPTERS NOW IN EXISTENCE,

WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE TERM, TWELVE MONTHS, ENDING JANUARY 31, A. I. 2409.

NAMES OF CHAPTERS.	PLACE OF LOCATION.		DATE WHEN CHAPTER WAS ORDERED.	Marked.	Passed.	Received.	Exalted.	Affiliated.	Withdrawn.	Susp. for non- pay of dues.	Expelled.	Died.	Rejected.	M. Masters.	P. Masters.	M. F. Masters.	R. A. Masons.	Dues to Gr. Chapter.
	TOWN.	COUNTY.																
1 SAN FRANCISCO.....	San Francisco.....	San Francisco.....	July 28, 1854.	13	13	13	14			4		2	1		2		276	\$279 00
2 SONORA.....	Sonora.....	Tuolumne.....	" " "	"	"	"	"					1	1		1		60	50 00
3 SACRAMENTO.....	Sacramento.....	Sacramento.....	" " "	"	"	"	"					4	3		1	2	180	218 00
* EL DORADO.....	El Dorado.....	El Dorado.....	April 30, 1855.	7	7	7	7	2	3	10	3	1	7				256	284 00
4 CALIFORNIA.....	San Francisco.....	San Francisco.....	" " "	"	"	"	"										55	58 00
5 NEVADA.....	Nevada.....	Nevada.....	" " "	1	1	1				3			1			1	17	17 00
6 BENICIA.....	Benicia.....	Solano.....	" " "	"	"	"	"											
7 COLUMBIA.....	Columbia.....	Tuolumne.....	" " "	"	"	"	"											
8 SHASTA.....	Shasta.....	Shasta.....	" " "	6	6	6	6	1	1						1		48	72 00
* FOREST.....	Forest City.....	Sierra.....	" " "	"	"	"	"											
9 SUTTER.....	Sutter Creek.....	Amador.....	May 3, 1856.	2	2	2	3	1	3	3			1		1		62	71 00
10 YERD.....	Merced.....	Merced.....	" " "	1	1	1	2								2		35	37 00
11 HOWARD.....	Marysville.....	Yuba.....	" " "	1	6	6	7		3								111	131 00
12 CYRUS.....	San Jose.....	Santa Clara.....	" " "	"	"	"	"	1	5	8	3	4					81	81 00
13 ST. JAMES.....	Yreka.....	Siskiyou.....	" " "	15	15	15	15	1	1	2	1						38	38 00
14 LIBANUS.....	Placerville.....	El Dorado.....	May 8, 1857.	3	3	3	3		1	1			1		1		41	41 00
15 GRASS VALLEY.....	Iowa Hill.....	Placer.....	" " "	3	3	3	3		1	8			1	4			33	45 00
16 TRINITY.....	Weaverville.....	Nevada.....	May 7, 1858.	"	"	"	"		1			1	1				77	77 00
17 FRANKLIN.....	Oroville.....	Butte.....	" " "	"	"	"	"		1				1		1		30	30 00
18 SIERRA.....	Downieville.....	Sierra.....	" " "	2	2	2	2		1			2			1	2	49	55 00
19 PETALUMA.....	Petaluma.....	Sonoma.....	" " "	1	2	2	2	5	1	1							39	46 00
20 OLIVER.....	Forest Hill.....	Placer.....	May 6, 1859.	7	8	8	8		1	1			2				54	85 00
21 LA FAYETTE.....	Camptonville.....	Yuba.....	" " "	3	3	3	3		1								28	28 00
22 GEORGETOWN.....	Georgetown.....	El Dorado.....	May 4, 1860.	3	3	3	3		1								23	35 00
23 OAKLAND.....	Oakland.....	Alameda.....	" 5 "	4	8	8	2		6				2		1		32	32 00
24 DELTA.....	Del Norte.....	Placer.....	May 10, 1861.	4	3	3	8	1		1						1	68	80 00
25 STOCKTON.....	Stockton.....	San Joaquin.....	" " "	2					2	6	18		2				59	51 00

[illegible]

**\*Charter surrendered.**

**† Charter revoked.**

1 Consolidated with Sonoma Chapter, No. 2.

# GRAND CHAPTERS

IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

## GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

Grand Chapters.	Grand Secretaries.	Residence.
ALABAMA, .....	DANIEL SAYRE, .....	Montgomery.
ARKANSAS, .....	LUKE E. BARBER, .....	Little Rock.
CANADA, .....	DAVID McCLELLAN, .....	Toronto, Ont.
COLORADO, .....	ED. C. PARMELEE, .....	Georgetown.
CONNECTICUT, .....	JOSEPH K. WHEELER, .....	Hartford.
DELAWARE, .....	J. P. ALLMOND, .....	Wilmington.
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, .....	CHARLES W. HANCOCK, .....	Washington.
ENGLAND AND WALES, .....	JOHN HARVEY, .....	London.
FLORIDA, .....	DE WITT C. DAWKINS, .....	Jacksonville.
GEORGIA, .....	J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR, .....	Macon.
ILLINOIS, .....	GILBERT W. BARNARD, .....	Chicago.
INDIANA, .....	JOHN M. BRAMWELL, .....	Indianapolis.
IOWA, .....	WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE, .....	Muscatine.
KANSAS, .....	ERASMUS T. CARR, .....	Leavenworth.
KENTUCKY, .....	JOSEPH H. BRANHAM, .....	Louisville.
LOUISIANA, .....	JAMES C. BATCHELOR, .....	New Orleans.
MAINE, .....	IRA BERRY, .....	Portland.
MARYLAND, .....	WILLIAM A. WENTZ, .....	Baltimore.
MASSACHUSETTS, .....	Z. H. THOMAS, JR., .....	Boston.
MICHIGAN, .....	W. P. INNES, .....	Grand Rapids.
MINNESOTA, .....	A. T. C. PIERSON, .....	St. Paul.
MISSISSIPPI, .....	J. L. POWER, .....	Jackson.
MISSOURI, .....	WM. H. MAYO, .....	St. Louis.
NEBRASKA, .....	WILLIAM R. BOWEN, .....	Omaha.
NEVADA, .....	JOHN D. HAMMOND, .....	Carson.
NEW HAMPSHIRE, .....	GEO. P. CLEAVES, .....	Concord.
NEW JERSEY, .....	*	
NEW YORK, .....	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, .....	Buffalo.
NORTH CAROLINA, .....	DONALD W. BAIN, .....	Raleigh.
NOVA SCOTIA, .....	JAMES GOSSIP, .....	Halifax.
OHIO, .....	JAMES NESBIT, .....	Troy.
OREGON, .....	R. P. EARHART, .....	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA, .....	JOHN THOMSON, .....	Philadelphia.
QUEBEC, .....	JAMES T. McMINN, .....	Montreal.
RHODE ISLAND, .....	WM. R. GREENE, .....	Providence.
SOUTH CAROLINA, .....	J. E. BURKE, .....	Charleston.
TENNESSEE, .....	JOHN FRIZELL, .....	Nashville.
TEXAS, .....	ROBERT BREWSTER, .....	Houston.
VERMONT, .....	W. H. S. WHITCOMB, .....	Burlington.
VIRGINIA, .....	W. B. ISAACS, .....	Richmond.
WEST VIRGINIA, .....	ODELL S. LONG, .....	Wheeling.
WISCONSIN, .....	JOHN W. WOODHULL, .....	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. CHAPTER OF U. S.,	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, .....	Buffalo.

\* Vacant—Incumbent, Comp. THOMAS J. CORSON, died in May, 1879.

GRAND CONVENTION  
OF THE  
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS,  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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*Twentieth Annual Convention.*

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The twentieth Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Wednesday, the ninth day of April, 1879, at eight o'clock, P. M.

There were present the following named

OFFICERS:

The M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR,.....*President;*  
" R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,.....*Vice President;*  
" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,.....*Recorder;*  
" R. E. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....*Master of Ceremonies;*  
" R. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....*Conductor;*  
" R. E. ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,.....*Steward;*

Also Companions JOHN CHILTON BURCH, DANIEL PORTER BYSTLE, THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, SAMUEL DONCASTER, EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES, JOHN RANSHAW LOCKWOOD, WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, JACOB HART NEFF, HENRY SAYRE ORME, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, JAMES SINGLEY, STEPHEN WING.

The M. E. President made the following appointments *pro tempore*:

Comp. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....*Chaplain;*  
" EDWARD RICHARD HEDGES,.....*Herald;*

And the Convention was opened in *But form*.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

Petitions were received from the following named companions:—

ABRAHAM HALSEY,.....	High Priest of <i>California</i>	Chapter, No. 5
IANTHIS JEROME ROLFE,.....	" " "	<i>Nevada</i> " No. 6
ABNER EDWARD CALLAWAY,.....	" " "	<i>Sutter</i> " No. 11
ADOLPH SIMON,.....	" " "	<i>Merced</i> " No. 12
LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE,.....	P. H. Priest of <i>Washington</i>	" No. 13
THOMAS HUGH STEEL,.....	High Priest of "	" No. 13
JOHN FLOYD VAN DIVIER,.....	" " "	<i>Libanus</i> " No. 17
JOHN CRISP COLEMAN,.....	" " "	<i>Grass Valley</i> " No. 18
SAMUEL PRAGER,.....	P. H. Priest of <i>Los Angeles</i>	" No. 33
JOHN WESLEY JENKINS,.....	" " "	<i>Alluras</i> " No. 34
	and High Priest of <i>Ukiah</i>	" U. D.
JAMES RONEY,.....	P. H. Priest of <i>Naval</i>	" No. 35
LOUIS SCHWARTZ,.....	High Priest of <i>Santa Cruz</i>	" No. 38
CHARLES FALKNER,.....	" " "	<i>Chico</i> " No. 42
GEORGE CHURCHILL MCKINLEY,.....	" " "	<i>Dixon</i> " No. 48

Who were severally elected to receive the Order of High Priest.

Companions ABRAHAM HALSEY, IANTHIS JEROME ROLFE, ABNER EDWARD CALLAWAY, ADOLPH SIMON, LEMUEL TRESCOTT CRANE, THOMAS HUGH STEEL, JOHN FLOYD VAN DIVIER, JOHN CRISP COLEMAN, SAMUEL PRAGER, JOHN WESLEY JENKINS, LOUIS SCHWARTZ, CHARLES FALKNER, GEORGE CHURCHILL MCKINLEY, and Companion MATTISON MYERS, who was elected at the Annual Convention held in 1877, were then introduced and received the Order of High Priest.

The following named companions were then elected officers for the ensuing year:—

The M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR,.....	<i>President;</i>
" R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,.....	<i>Vice President;</i>
" R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,.....	<i>Chaplain;</i>
" R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES,.....	<i>Treasurer;</i>
" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,.....	<i>Recorder;</i>
" R. E. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....	<i>Master of Ceremonies;</i>
" R. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....	<i>Conductor;</i>
" R. E. ABRAHAM HALSEY,.....	<i>Herald;</i>
" R. E. ALEXANDER GUDDON ABELL,.....	<i>Steward.</i>

There being no further business, the minutes of the proceedings were read and approved. The Grand Convention was then closed in due form.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,  
*Recorder.*

## OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

OF THE

## GRAND CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

## OFFICERS:

William Wilson Traylor, <i>President</i> ,	Theodore Edward Smith, <i>Recorder</i> ,
Wiley James Tinnin, <i>Vice President</i> ,	Geo. Tuttle Grimes, <i>Master of Ceremonies</i> ,
Edwin Aldrich Rodgers, <i>Chaplain</i> ,	William Abraham Davies, <i>Conductor</i> ,
Hiram Throop Graves, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Abraham Halsey, <i>Herald</i> .
Alexander Gurdon Abell, <i>Steward</i> .	

## MEMBERS:

Aitken, Robert	Clayton, William Burt	Glover, James Russell
Akerly, Benjamin	Claiborne, Gilbert Burnett	Goss, Leonard
Anderson, Elias	Clements, John	Graves, Samuel
Bacon, Ely Griffith	Cleveland, Septimus Allen	Graham, Thomas Jefferson
Barss, Frederick Ferdinand	Christiansen, Olo Christian	Harden, John B.
Barnes, Benjamin Wilcox	Cohn, Louis	Hayes, Russell Thayer
Barnard, John Kirk	Coleman, Edward	Hayward, Alvinza
Beard, Elihu Burritt	Coleman, John Crisp	Hedges, Edward Richard
Bell, James	Cowden, Ambrose Hall	Hellwig, Charles John
Bease, John Nelson	Crandall, John Riggs	Hewson, John Bankson
Bicknell, Jas. Witherspoon	Crane, Lemuel Trescott	Hichborn, Alex. Hopkins
Binney, Andrew Jackson	Crawford, Ellison Lassell	Hilton, Osgood
Blair, Charles Macmurdo	Creigh, John Dunbar	Hinds, Peter Richmond
Blake, George Mansfield	Crouch, Robert	Hoadley, James Henry
Bond, Joshua Lester	Davis, Edwin Ransome	Hollub, Adolphus
Bradford, William	Davis, Charles Henry	Houston, William John
Brady, Alexander Buchanan	Davis, William Buckley	Hudson, William George
Brown, Josiah Perkins	Dobrowsky, Adolph	Hunter, George Washington
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Broder, Andrew Henderson	Doncaster, Samuel	Jenkins, John Wesley
Broder, Robert Chidley	Ellen, Elle	Joy, Alex. Cartwright
Burke, John Martin	Ellis, Ralph	Jump, Alembly
Burch, John Chilton	English, James Lawrence	Kinkade, John Thompson
Buttelman, Frederick	Eppinger, Hermann	Kingsley, James Forman
Bystle, Daniel Porter	Falkner, Charles	Kirkpatrick, John
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Callaway, Abner Edward	Fitzgerald, Adolphus Leigh	Knox, William Franklin
Caswell, Thomas Hubbard	Foster, Francis	Knorp, Alex. Frederick
Chalmers, Alexander	Foy, Samuel Calvert	Kunckler, John Ernest
Childs, George Edward	Gilbert, George Heirn	Kyle, Thomas

Lanphier, Gilbert	Newton, William Davis	Spaulding, Nathan Weston
Lawrence, William Lee	Nurse, Stephen Kirby	Stanley, J. Quincy Adams
Lawson, Samuel Powell	Oliver, Alexander Gibson	Steel, Thomas Hugh
Leech, Reuben	O'Rear, Benjamin Threlkeld	Sternheim, Samuel
Litchfield, Joseph Miller	Orme, Henry Sayre	Stone, Charles E.
Lockwood, John Ranshaw	Parkhurst, Russell	Stone, Nathan Hoamer
Loomis, Adoniram Judson	Perkins, Geo. Washington	Skinner, John Dodd
Lott, Charles Fayette	Petrie, William Monroe	Spear, Willard Smith
Luther, William Thompson	Pond, Charles Lewis	Surface, John Whitten
Lyon, William Henry	Pockman, Thomas Cross	Sweany, John
Mallett, George Fayette	Prager, Samuel	Titus, Isaac Sutvene
May, George	Pratt, Daniel Webster	Turner, Jared
Mason, John Clifton	Pratt, Leonidas E	Tuttle, Benjamin Franklin
Mason, Carnot Courtland	Preston, Alvin Bacon	Van Divier, John Floyd
Mead, Frank Douglas	Purdy, John Eldridge	Waite, Alfred Coolidge
McCormick, William	Raynes, Alouzo Emery	Walbridge, John Morris
McFarland, Thomas Alonzo	Ream, Daniel	Wales, Thatcher Peter
McFarlan, Abel	Reed, Jessie Combes	Walker, George Russell
McMurray, Valentine	Reynolds, William Thomas	Walker, Oscar Valentine
McKenzie, George Alex.	Rich, William Clifton	Walter, William Addison
Meikle, Peter R.	Richardson, Jer. Bonaparte	Warner, Henry
Menzies, Stewart	Rodgers, James Martin	Waters, James
Millington, John	Rolfe, Ianthis Jerome	Weil, Joseph
Myrick, Milton Hills	Ross, James	Wellendorf, Louis
McBride, John Storer	Roush, William	Weymouth, James Lambert
McClellan, John George	Russell, Henry Warren	Willcox, Wilbur Justus
McGlashan, Charles Fayette	Ryan, William Henry	Williams, Alpheus Fuller
McKinley, John Churchill	Sage, Timothy	Whitcher, Jere. Elkins
Moon, James	Schwartz, Louis	Wendell, Joseph Fairbanks
Munt, Richard	Seely, John Ambrose	Wing, Stephen
Myers, Mattison	Simon, Adolph	Wing, Gideon
Myres, Benjamin Franklin	Singley, James	Winterburn, Geo. Howard
Neff, Jacob Hart	Smith, Robert Press, Jr.	Wyckoff, Nicholas
Neville, John M.	Snow, John Francis	

## DIED SINCE LAST ANNUAL CONVENTION :

Arnold, Thomas Jefferson	Park, Aaron Davis	Wells, William Sewall
Gardner, Melvin Syms	Peck, Henry	

## EXPELLED :

Wiggin, Charles Louis.

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*Address of the Grand Secretary :*

**THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.**

*Address of the Grand Lecturer :*

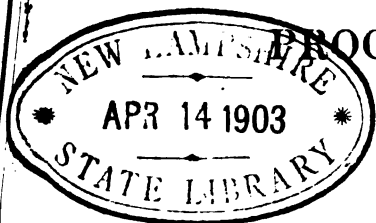
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**NOTICE.**

The Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, commencing on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, A. I. 2410, A. D. 1880.

**THOMAS H. CASWELL,**  
Grand Secretary.



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I, THOMAS H. CASWELL, Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California, do hereby certify that the following pages contain a true and faithful transcript of the proceedings of that Body, at its Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation, commenced at the city of San Francisco on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, A. D. 1880, A. I. 2410, and of the returns of the subordinate Chapters and other matters authorized to be published.



### *In Testimony Whereof,*

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this twenty-second day of April, A. D. 1880, A. I. 2410.

*Thomas H. Caswell,*

*Grand Secretary.*

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For the year commencing April, A. I. 2410, and ending April, A. I. 2411.

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*R. E.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, . . . DEP'Y GRAND HIGH PRIEST, *Los Angeles* ;  
*R. E.* WM. MONROE PETRIE,..... GRAND KING,..... *Sacramento* ;  
*R. E.* LEONIDAS E PRATT,..... GRAND SCRIBE,..... *San Francisco* ;  
*R. E.* HIRAM THROOP GRAVES, .. GRAND TREASURER,..... *San Francisco* ;  
*R. E.* THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, GRAND SECRETARY,..... *San Francisco* ;  
*E.* SAMUEL GRAVES,..... .. GRAND CHAPLAIN, ..... *San Francisco* ;  
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*E.* EDWARD COLEMAN,..... GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPT'N, *Grass Valley* ;  
*Comp.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ... GRAND ORGANIST,..... *San Francisco* ;  
     ' IRA COLBURN ROOT,..... GRAND GUARD,..... *San Francisco*.

# GRAND CHAPTER

OF

# ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

Twenty-sixth Annual Convocation.

The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its twenty-sixth Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the City of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, A. D. 1880, A. I. 2410, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

### GRAND OFFICERS :

The *M. E.* NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, *Grand High Priest* ;  
 “ *R. E.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ..... *Deputy Grand High Priest* ;  
 “ *R. E.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ..... *Grand King* ;  
 “ *R. E.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ..... *Grand Scribe* ;  
 “ *R. E.* HIRAM THROOP GRAVES, ..... *Grand Treasurer* ;  
 “ *R. E.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, ..... *Grand Secretary* ;  
 “ *E.* SAMUEL GRAVES, ..... *Grand Chaplain* ;  
 “ *E.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, ..... *Grand Lecturer* ;  
 “ *E.* LEONIDAS E PRATT, ..... *Grand Capt. of the Host* ;  
 “ *E.* GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, ..... *Grand Royal Arch Captain* ;  
*Comp.* SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ..... *Grand Organist* ;  
 “ IMA COLBURN ROOT, ..... *Grand Guard* :

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS :

The *M. E.* JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH, ..... *Past Grand High Priest* ;  
 “ *M. E.* THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, ..... “ “ “ “  
 “ *M. E.* ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, ..... “ “ “ “  
 “ *M. E.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ..... “ “ “ “  
 “ *M. E.* ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, ..... “ “ “ “  
 “ *M. E.* GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, ..... “ “ “ “  
 “ *M. E.* JACOB HART NEFF, ..... “ “ “ “  
 “ *M. E.* ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, ..... “ “ “ “  
 “ *M. E.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ..... “ “ “ “

And the representatives of forty-one chartered Chapters, together with a number of Past High Priests by service within this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being more than a sufficient representation present, the Grand Chapter of California was opened in Ample form, with music by the choir, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

Letters of regret at their unavoidable absence were read from the M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR and the M. E. JOHN MILLS BROWNE, Past Grand High Priests.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committee—

On Credentials :..... { Comp. Jacob Hart Neff,  
" John Ranshaw Lockwood,  
" Adolphus Hollub.

After a brief recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of the chartered Chapters, or their duly appointed proxies, and Past High Priests, by service within the jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from—

<i>San Francisco</i> ,.....No. 1,....	{ EDWARD TAYLOR ANTHONY, High Priest; ISAAC PHILANSON KINCAID, Scribe; JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH, } Past High Priests. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, }
<i>Sonora</i> ,.....No. 2,.....	EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, Past High Priest and proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe.
<i>Sacramento</i> ,.....No. 3,....	{ WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, High Priest and P. H. P. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, Past High Priest.
<i>California</i> ,.....No. 5,....	{ ABRAHAM HALSEY, High Priest and Past High Priest; FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, King; ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, HIRAM THROOP GRAVES, LEONIDAS E PRATT, ALBERT FREDERICK KNORP, ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, SAMUEL GRAVES, } Past High Priests.
<i>Nevada</i> ,.....No. 6,....	{ HALSTEAD STANSFIELD, High Priest; THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Past High Priest;
<i>Benicia</i> ,.....No. 7,.....	TIMOTHY SAGE, High Priest and Past High Priest;
<i>Shasta</i> ,.....No. 9,....	{ ADOLPH DOBROWSKY, King and Past High Priest; DANIEL PORTER BYSTLE, Past High Priest.
<i>Sutter</i> ,.....No. 11,.....	JOHN LITHGOW, High Priest.

<i>Merced</i> ,.....	No. 12,.....	{ ADOLPH SIMON, High Priest and Past High Priest; HIBAM NEWTON RUCKER, King; CHARLES MAOMURDO BLAIR, Past High Priest.
<i>Marysville</i> ,.....	No. 13,.....	FREDERICK BUTTELMANN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Howard</i> ,.....	No. 14,.....	WILSON HAYS, High Priest.
<i>Cyrus</i> ,.....	No. 15,.....	JOHN WILLIAM BIRD, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>St. James</i> ,.....	No. 16,.....	{ GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT, High Priest and P. H. P.; ANDREW THOMPSON CULBERTSON, Scribe.
<i>Libanus</i> ,.....	No. 17,.....	JOHN FLOYD VAN DIVIER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Grass Valley</i> ,.....	No. 18,.....	EDWARD COLEMAN, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K. & S.
<i>Trinity</i> ,.....	No. 19,.....	WILEY JAMES TINNIN, Past High Priest.
<i>Franklin</i> ,.....	No. 20,.....	THOMAS CALLOW, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Sierra</i> ,.....	No. 21,.....	WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, High Priest & P. H. P.
<i>Petaluma</i> ,.....	No. 22,.....	{ JAMES SINGLEY, P. H. P. and pr. for H. P., K. & S.; BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, Past High Priest.
<i>Oiver</i> ,.....	No. 23,.....	{ JOEL SMITH, High Priest; JAMES RUSSELL GLOVER, Past High Priest.
<i>La Fayette</i> ,.....	No. 24,.....	CHARLES FREDERICK MANSUR, King.
<i>Oakland</i> ,.....	No. 26,.....	JAMES TODD GARDINER, High Priest.
<i>Della</i> ,.....	No. 27,.....	JOHN THOMPSON KINKADE, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Stockton</i> ,.....	No. 28,.....	{ ISAAC LOTHROP, High Priest; GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, Past High Priest.
<i>Napa</i> ,.....	No. 30,.....	HENRY HAY KNAPP, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Los Angeles</i> ,.....	No. 33,.....	HENRY SAYRE ORME, P. H. P. and proxy H. P., K. & S.
<i>Naval</i> ,.....	No. 35,.....	{ MATTISON MYERS, High Priest and Past High Priest; FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, King, P. H. P. and pr. for S.
<i>Alameda</i> ,.....	No. 36,.....	{ GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, High Priest; NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, FRANK WORTHY CUSHING, } Past High Priests.
<i>Siloam</i> ,.....	No. 37,.....	JACOB HART NEFF, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Santa Cruz</i> ,.....	No. 38,.....	LOUIS SCHWARTZ, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Donner</i> ,.....	No. 39,.....	CHARLES FAYETTE MCGLASHAN, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>Red Bluff</i> ,.....	No. 40,.....	{ ADONIRAM JUDSON LOOMIS, High Priest and P. H. P.; JEROME BANKS, King.
<i>Temple</i> ,.....	No. 41,.....	JAMES MARTIN RODGERS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Chico</i> ,.....	No. 42,.....	ALBERT JUDSON GIFFORD, High Priest.
<i>Santa Rosa</i> ,.....	No. 45,.....	JOHN RIPLEY WRIGHT, King.
<i>Lassen</i> ,.....	No. 47,.....	JOHN RANSHAW LOCKWOOD, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Dizon</i> ,.....	No. 48,.....	GEORGE CHURCHILL MCKINLEY, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>Modesto</i> ,.....	No. 49,.....	ADOLPHUS HEWEL, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Ventura</i> ,.....	No. 50,.....	JONATHAN DOAN HINES, Past High Priest and proxy for High Priest, King and Scribe.
<i>Corinthian</i> ,.....	No. 51,.....	GEORGE EDWARD CHILDS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Ukiah</i> ,.....	No. 53,.....	GEORGE MCCOWEN, High Priest.
<i>Lakeport</i> ,.....	U. D.,.....	FRANK DOWNING TUNIS, High Priest.
<i>Bodie</i> ,.....	U. D.,.....	HENRY FERRIS, Delegate.



Which report was concurred in, and the companions therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointments to fill vacancies in the Standing Committees :—

*Committee on Jurisprudence :*

Comp. George Edwin Whitney,  
" Edwin Aldrich Rodgers.

*Committee on Finance :*

Comp. Adoniram Judson Loomis,  
" Edward Coleman.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the reading of the Address of the Grand High Priest was made the special order for half-past one o'clock this P. M.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until half-past one o'clock this afternoon.

## In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Tuesday, April 13th, A. I. 2410. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at half-past one o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

The hour for the special order having arrived, the Grand High Priest delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Chapter, as follows :—

### COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA :—

We meet to-day, in this our Twenty-sixth Annual Communication, to exchange fraternal greetings, review the past, and, in the light and teachings of our noble Order, to direct our course upward and onward to better conditions and higher and nobler spheres of usefulness and action. Let our deliberations, then, as we take council together for the best interests of this our noble and cherished institution, be conducted in the true spirit of our exalted profession as Chapter Masons.

In conformity with the law and established custom, I now submit for the judgment of this Grand Chapter an account of my official acts while executing the trust reposed in me one year ago, together with such recommendations as to me seem worthy of consideration. In doing so, it is fitting that I should express to this Grand Body, and to those companions throughout the jurisdiction with whom it has been my pleasure to have official intercourse, a deep sense of my gratitude for the invariable courtesy and kindly consideration extended to me while feebly endeavoring to discharge the duties of this honorable position; especially is this due to the Grand Secretary, without whose invaluable assistance, during several months of my continued ill-health, many errors of omission might now stand against my official record. It is to me a matter of regret and disappointment that poor health has deprived me of the pleasure of visiting the Chapters more generally throughout the jurisdiction. It would have been to me a pleasing duty, to neglect which, under ordinary circumstances, might justly be pronounced an inexcusable error. The same must be my apology for declining many cordial invitations to pay fraternal visits; also, for the several breaches of promise, which it now becomes me to confess in connection therewith.

Those Chapters I have had the pleasure of visiting impressed me favorably in those essential particulars which give life and dignity to the Order, and make it what it professes to be—a refining, elevating institution; possessing attributes of substantial, practical benefit—not alone to the members thereof, but to the whole fabric of society, for the reason that whatever benefits the individual and makes him a better man, must necessarily benefit every grade of society within the broad compass of individual influence and action. And if the philosophical maxim be true, that there is not a particle of matter, however small, that does not affect every other body of matter in the universe, however large, then in the proportion that mind is superior to matter must be the effect of an individual human life upon the whole universal society of mankind. Viewing the subject in this light, but considering it in a more restricted sense, we do but scarcely appreciate the real value which accrues to the immediate society in which we live from the correct teachings of Freemasonry, notwithstanding, in their daily practice, some may wander wide from the precepts which it enjoins.

It has, however, been my pleasure to see manifested in most of the Chapters which I have visited, a proper sense of the moral worth and excellence of Chapter Masonry, as well as a commendable zeal to conform to the ritualistic work prescribed by the Grand Chapter.

My visits, limited in number though they were, are among the pleasantest reminiscences of my life; and I shall ever hold in grateful remembrance the attention and fraternal regard shown me on those occasions.

Our relations with other Grand Bodies still remain harmonious and unchanged. For further information respecting them the Grand Chapter is referred to the excellent report of the Committee on Correspondence.

The depression of the times, incident upon a radical change in the organic law of the State, and the disturbed condition of society from other causes, has had its effect upon Masonic work as well as upon all other human interests within our borders; but, as true Masonic growth does not depend entirely upon its numerical force, it is to be hoped that the jarring elements of discord, which have so shaken the foundation of social order throughout the State, may have strengthened the bonds of fraternal union, and united us more closely as brothers and companions in peace, harmony, and brotherly love.

There is reason for congratulation that during the year there has been no occasion for executive discipline or interference, and comparatively few cases where executive authority has been invoked, and then only to reconcile minor differences or determine questions of jurisprudence.

Immediately after the close of our last Annual Convocation, it not being convenient for me to attend to that duty personally, I authorized M<sup>r</sup>. E<sup>c</sup>. Comp. Thomas H. CASWELL to constitute Ukiah Chapter and install its officers—which duty was performed in accordance with established usage, and proper return made.

In accordance with the instructions contained in certain resolutions passed by this Grand Body at its last Annual Convocation, respecting Lakeport Chapter, which failed at that time to conform to the constitutional requirements necessary for its perpetuation by charter, investigation respecting the matter was duly instituted. The explanation of the Chapter in extenuation and excuse for its seeming fault being satisfactory, and it having complied with the provisions of said resolutions, and deeming that the interests of Royal Arch Masonry would be promoted thereby, I continued the dispensation of Lakeport Chapter until the present session of the Grand Chapter. Learning in the mean time that after their dispensation had lapsed, and prior to its renewal, the Chapter had conferred the degrees of Mark and Past Master upon Bros. HIRAM KENNEDY and A. F. MORRELL, I caused the members of the Chapter to be summoned to meet on the nineteenth day of November, at half past seven o'clock P. M., to which meeting I paid an official visit. Bro. KENNEDY, being present, was healed. Bro. MORRELL being absent and reported sick, the High

Priest (Comp. TUNIS) was instructed to take the necessary steps and heal Bro. MORRELL before conferring upon him the degree of Most Excellent Master.

A member of a subordinate Chapter having been guilty of unmasonic conduct in open Chapter in the use of language unbecoming a Mason, and refusing to obey the gavel when called to order, and having appeared in open Chapter at the next stated meeting thereof and apologized for what he had done at the previous meeting (said apology being accepted by the Chapter), and charges having been subsequently preferred against the companion by a member of said Chapter, the question was asked, "Whether his accepted apology was a sufficient punishment for the deed, or should the charges be entertained the same as if no apology had been made?" I replied as follows: The offense stated was certainly a very grave one. The apology made to the Chapter shows an evident disposition on the part of the offending companion to right the wrong, and may be very properly considered by the commission in mitigation of punishment when considering that question, but it does not stop proceedings on the charges; they must be tried the same as if no apology had been made. The offense was against Masonry, and cannot be atoned for in a manner chosen by the offender.

A brother, who is a minister of the Gospel, petitions for the degrees of the Chapter; his store of worldly goods being small, the Chapter voted to remit to him a part of the fee; the question was asked: "Has the Chapter a right to do so?" *Answer*—The Constitution requires that the fee shall accompany the petition; this having been complied with, the fee thereupon becomes the property of the Chapter; hence, its action in remitting or donating the amount of the fee, or a part thereof, was proper and legal.

The following decisions have also been made—the questions being sufficiently apparent from the answers given:—

1st—That a member of the Chapter, though not present, may be elected one of the commission to try charges against a companion.

2d—Neither the High Priest, King nor Scribe, can properly serve on the commission—they, like the Master and Wardens of a Lodge, being the legal representatives of the body—and in the absence or disability of his immediate superior, might be required to act in the others' place or stead—to summon witnesses, etc.

3d—Companions who are witnesses in the case are not eligible, the intention being that a tribunal wholly unprejudiced—either for or against the accused—shall determine the question of his guilt or innocence.

4th—A companion, when notified of his election, must serve on the commission. Nothing but sickness or other disability excuses him; his simple disinclination to serve cannot be regarded.

5th—The High Priest cannot be present when the commissioners are trying the case; they elect their own chairman to preside, and to decide such questions of law as may arise; the High Priest's only duty being under the law, while the trial is progressing, to summon such witnesses as may be desired by either the accused or accuser, and, in his absence or disability, the King, and of both, the Scribe. Hence the reason for decision No. 2.

6th—The suspension of a Chapter Mason by his Lodge for non-payment of dues excludes him from the Chapter so long as the Lodge suspension lasts, and restoration in his Lodge, either by payment or remission of his dues, reinstates him also in his Chapter, and he immediately becomes chargeable therein with all accumulated dues. In other words, he sustains the same relation to his Chapter as if no suspension by his Lodge had occurred; but, if his Chapter has also suspended him for non-payment of dues, or declared him so by reason of his Lodge suspension, then restoration in his Lodge does not restore him in his Chapter. In that case he is required to pay all arrearages for dues, or have them remitted by his Chapter, in order to obtain good standing therein.

7th—A Chapter may at any time consider a resolution to restore a suspended com-

panion to his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason—due notice of such resolution having been previously given, as required in Sec. 2, Art. XXV., of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter. The fact that an appeal to the Grand Chapter has been perfected does not prevent the subordinate Chapter from acting upon the question, nor is it deprived of any of its jurisdictional rights by reason thereof. It may restore, or, upon fresh charges warranting the action, expel the companion.

8th—There are three customary methods by which the vote of a Chapter may be ascertained when the question is to be determined by a two thirds vote. The first and simplest is, by a standing vote, a count of which will readily determine the relative majority; second, by ballot; and lastly, by roll call. Either method may be adopted in the discretion of the High Priest, or directed by the Chapter.

On the 21st day of February of the present year, I made the following rulings. The questions submitted are given in full:

*Question.* "When a petition for affiliation or initiation is presented, and a member present objects to it, or to its being received, what is the duty of the High Priest?"

*Answer.* The High Priest should promptly seat the objecting companion, and proceed in the usual manner to refer the petition to a committee.

When a petition is once read, which is what the word *presented* technically means, it becomes the property of the Chapter, and by the recognized law or usage of Masonry, cannot be withdrawn; still less can it, in the concluding language of your question, "be referred back to the petitioning companion or brother." A petitioner for the degrees or for affiliation is "symbolically considered as material brought up for the building of the Temple; and this material must be rejected or accepted."

*Question.* "I vote with the affirmative, which carries, and then give notice to reconsider. Must I make the motion for reconsideration at the same meeting, or, having given the notice of motion, can I not call it up and make the formal motion for reconsideration at the next or some subsequent meeting of the Chapter?"

*Answer.* You certainly cannot call it up at any subsequent meeting. A motion to reconsider must be made and acted upon at the same meeting in which action upon the matter to be reconsidered was had.

In Grand Bodies of Masons, when one session often extends into several days, a motion for reconsideration can be made by a proper party at any time before the session closes. In a subordinate body, however, the session does not continue beyond one evening; and the motion for reconsideration must be made at the same communication, before the Lodge or Chapter is closed, and should be made before any member, even, is permitted to retire. When your Chapter closed, all power to reconsider ceased, and if the motion had been formally made but not definitely acted upon, the result would be the same. It cannot be taken up at a subsequent meeting or communication.

June 18th, 1879, I issued a dispensation to organize a new Chapter at Bodie, Mono County, Cal. The accompanying papers were in due form, and will be delivered to the appropriate committee by the Grand Secretary.

On the 25th of the same month I also granted, on proper application by the Council of Bodie Chapter, special dispensations to ballot upon the petitions of nine brethren for the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry. The brethren were all vouched for as being in every way worthy, and I think the interests of Royal Arch Masonry generally were advanced by granting the prayer of the Council.

I have also at different dates granted special dispensations for the election of officers in the following named Chapters, they having failed to elect at the time prescribed in the By-Laws, viz.: *Benicia* Chapter, No. 7; *Merced* Chapter, No. 12; and *Oliver* Chapter, No. 23.

For information respecting its financial condition the Grand Chapter is referred to the exhibit of the Grand Treasurer.

The required bonds of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer with approved sureties were duly executed and filed with me, and are herewith presented.

I have appointed representatives of our Grand Chapter, near other Grand Chapters, as follows: Companion JOHN K. FULSON, of Holly Springs, near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, *vice* HARVEY W. WALTER, deceased; Companion R. M. FARLEIGH, of Hopkinsville, near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky.

From the Grand Secretary of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of New Jersey, I have received a communication bearing the mournful intelligence of the death of one of the most eminent Masons of that jurisdiction. Following, is the essential part of the communication:—

“GRAND ROYAL ARCH CHAPTER OF NEW JERSEY,

“OFFICE OF THE GRAND SECRETARY, 43 Montgomery St., Jersey City.”

“*Excellent Companion*:—It is my painful duty to inform you of the decease of him who for the past six years has filled the office of Grand Secretary amid the love and reverence of the Craft, Most Excellent Companion THOMAS J. CORSON, Past Grand High Priest, and Grand Secretary.

“After a protracted sickness he departed this life to eternal bliss on the 10th inst. His remains were conveyed with sorrowing hearts to New Hope, Pa., where they were interred among those of his family, after receiving the last sad rites.

“Fraternally,

“MAY 16th, 1879.”

“G. B. EDWARDS, *Grand Secretary*.”

To our brethren and companions of New Jersey, in respectful tribute to the memory of Comp. CORSON, we say: That while we in a small degree only can share in the sorrow which must follow the death of so distinguished a brother and companion in your own immediate jurisdiction, where his virtues as a man and Mason were best known and his loss most keenly felt, yet we share equally in the loss which Masonry sustains by the death of one of its Master Builders in the great Temple of Speculative Masonry, whose arches span the world, and in whose superstructure are wrought as living stones, the noblest deeds of men.

In his last annual address before the Grand Lodge of California, my most worthy predecessor (then Grand Master), JOHN MILLS BROWNE, in his comments upon the duties of a Lodge in respect to the election of its officers, set forth in his usually clear and sensible way the importance “of not only selecting the worthiest members for the various positions, but that the Master who has faithfully performed his duty should have a re-election; not alone as a complimentary endorsement, but for the benefit to be derived from his continuance in office.”

There is a principle involved in the above suggestion that is worthy of our serious consideration. This was intended, no doubt, as it properly should have been, to correct a mischievous error more or less prevalent throughout the jurisdiction, and which militates, in no small degree, against the welfare of Chapters as well as Lodges. The reasons urged for re-electing a worthy and faithful Master of a Lodge, apply with equal force to a Chapter, and should obtain in all cases unless the interests of the Chapter would be equally as well served by making a new selection. Let us not forget that official positions in Masonry were created for the benefit of the whole Fraternity, rather than for the aggrandizement of individual members thereof.

I find that General Regulation No. 3 (requiring “every Mark Master Mason within six months after his admission to select his mark, and to record the same in a Book of Marks kept by the Chapter for the purpose”) has been to a considerable extent disregarded, notwithstanding it has been made the duty of the Secretaries of Chapters to see that the Regulation is complied with. For the more effectual enforcement of said Regulation, I would suggest that the Grand Chapter consider the propriety of making it a necessary qualification or prerequisite for a brother to comply with this requirement before he can receive the Royal Arch degree.

To say that the Chapters in this jurisdiction are remiss in any of the graceful attributes that belong to them, or that the members thereof fall below the high standard of their profession as Chapter Masons with respect to their Masonic deportment, would be indeed an unpleasant reflection. Yet I feel that I do not transcend the bounds of propriety in calling attention to certain errors which my observation has convinced me are too common to be wholesome, and too glaring to longer pass unno-

ticed. Nor should I consider myself faithful to the trust reposed in me as Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction, should I fail to direct your attention to them, and, so far as my prerogative of power or influence may go, endeavor to have them corrected. I therefore call your attention to a grave error of omission, on the part of some of our Chapters, in respect to a proper observance of the social virtues.

It is the duty of every Chapter to entertain its visitors by every mark of courtesy and attention. Yet how often does it occur that a companion, possibly a stranger in a strange land, his heart yearning for fraternal companionship, seeks the Masonic Chapter, where, comparatively unnoticed, he sits silent and alone during the entire session, and is suffered to depart—a stranger still.

This would, indeed, be considered an extreme case, and it is to be hoped that they are few and far between; still, there are too many quite analogous thereto.

One great benefit of Freemasonry is its social, fraternal tendency and teaching—the exercise of that courtesy and kindness due from one Mason to another, and which no true Mason can ever allow himself to withhold. An unsocial Lodge or Chapter is a Masonic deformity; and in it are generally to be found errors that are antagonistic to the very fundamental principles of Masonry. No Chapter can be what Masonry intended it should be, without the warm and genial influence of sociability.

The Lodge or Chapter is, or ought to be, the Mason's Masonic home, where "brotherly love prevails" and where every moral and social virtue cements the fraternal union, and within whose peaceful walls each and every brother or companion receives a fraternal greeting; and, above all, a place where the high and holy name of our Supreme Grand Master is never mentioned, "save with that awe and reverence due from the creature to his Creator."

I have, also, to speak of profanity as a gross error. Profanity, in its mildest significance, is vulgar—even from the lips of him whose misfortune it is to be an atheist. But the natural man—who is forced to recognize the existence of a God from the intuitive conviction of the soul within him—for him to profane His high and holy name would be to do violence to his nature, even when alone in solitude, in the valley or on the mountain top, with none but his Creator, God, to give him audience. The true Mason, who properly appreciates the beauties of Masonry and observes its teachings in his daily life, can hardly be profane; but that there are those who claim to be good Masons and yet daily commit the vulgar error, is true—

"'Tis true, 'tis pity; and pity 'tis 'tis true."

That these errors are noticeable and call for correction is also true, and I should do violence to my sense of duty to pass them by unmentioned and unrebuked.

Before concluding, companions, it is but fitting that I should pay the same graceful compliment to our Grand Secretary which was paid him by my predecessor at our last Annual Convocation. The circumstance of sickness, and consequent inability to attend to the duties of the office for a part of the term, being the same, the compliment is equally as well deserved. It is a matter of no small consequence to the Grand Chapter that it has a Secretary who is always at his post of duty, and is able (as he has ever been found willing) to perform the duties of his physically disabled superior officers.

Companions of the Grand Chapter, the report of my official acts is now before you. Whatever you may find therein of truth or merit it will, of course, be your province to approve. Whatever in your judgment may seem erroneous, it will be your duty to reject. I do not expect to have proved myself skilled in the science of Capitular Masonry. I shall be content, and it is the extreme limit of my expectation and desire, if I have satisfied you that the important trust which you so generously confided to my care has not suffered from my incompetency.

Thanking you again for the honor you have conferred upon me, by electing me to this high office, I shall cheerfully surrender its honors and its cares to my successor, with fervent gratitude to the GREAT GIVER of all good, by whose unerring guidance

Freemasonry has survived the ages of the past, and will, we may confidently expect, continue its triumphal march in the front rank of the world's progressive forces, for the elevation and happiness of mankind—growing in strength and beauty year by year, and from generation to generation.

NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING,

*Grand High Priest.*

Which Address was ordered to be referred to a special Committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such Committee—

On Address of Grand High Priest : . . . . . { Comp. Jonathan Doan Hines,  
" William Buckley Davis,  
" Albert Judson Gifford.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation :—

Within forty days after the close of said Convocation, the proceedings thereat were printed and the usual number distributed, as follows : One copy to each of the Grand Officers and elective Past Grand Officers ; one copy to each of our representatives near other Grand Chapters ; four copies to each subordinate Chapter of our jurisdiction ; and *two* copies were transmitted to each of the Grand Chapters with which we are in communication.

In this connection it is proper to state, that by reason of the small number of copies of our proceedings heretofore printed—being but six hundred, one hundred of which are reserved for future binding—the undersigned has only been able to transmit two copies to our sister Grand Bodies, as above stated ; whereas each of them favors us with *three* copies of their annuals. It has frequently been the case that a third copy has been written for and so urgently requested, that it has been found impossible to refuse it ; and the sending of which has exhausted the number originally provided to such an extent, that there is scarcely a sufficient supply on hand for the use of this Grand Convocation. One hundred additional copies should therefore be ordered printed, that we may be enabled to give a number in exchange equal to that received.

On the eighteenth day of June, 1879, by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest, a dispensation was issued to Comps. SAMUEL BENJAMIN FERGUSON, WILLIAM IRWIN, SAMUEL OWENS, and six other companions, to form and open a Chapter at Bodie, Mono County, to be called *Bodie* Chapter. The petition for the dispensation, with the accompanying papers required by the Constitution, the Record Book, By-Laws, and returned dispensation, together with the petition for perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted.

On the twenty-eighth day of June, 1879, full returns were received from *Lakeport* Chapter, U. D., and all dues to the Grand Chapter were paid ; and the M. E. Grand High Priest, in accordance with the resolution adopted at the last Annual Convocation, was pleased to continue the dispensation thereto granted until the present Convocation. The petition upon which the dispensation was originally granted, and all the papers required by the Constitution, the Record Book, By-Laws, and returned dispensation with the renewal of the Grand High Priest endorsed thereon, together with the petition for perpetuation by charter, are also submitted herewith.

The following special dispensations have been issued by order of the M. E. Grand High Priest :

On the twenty-eighth day of June, 1879, nine dispensations to ballot on petitions for degrees, without the usual delay, were issued to *Bodie* Chapter, U. D., proper

petitions having been presented to the Grand High Priest and good reasons shown therefor.

On the third day of December, 1879, to *Olivet* Chapter, No. 23, to elect officers of the Chapter at a time other than that named in the Constitution and By-Laws.

On the twelfth day of January, 1880, to *Merced* Chapter, No. 12; and on the twenty-fourth of the same month, to *Benicia* Chapter, No. 7, to elect officers at other than the constitutionally specified time.

Since the last Annual Convocation, by direction of the Grand High Priest, commissions to Representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters have been issued, and bearing date as follows:—

September 9th, 1879, to Comp. JOHN K. FULSON, near the Grand Chapter of Mississippi, vice Comp. HARVEY W. WALTER, deceased;

And on September 13th, to Comp. R. M. FARLEIGH, near the Grand Chapter of Kentucky, vice Comp. HENRY BOSTWICK.

Amendments to the By-Laws of several of the subordinate Chapters, relating to changes in the amounts of dues, and in the time of holding the stated meetings, and approved by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, are herewith submitted for reference to the proper committee.

Transcripts of trial-records have been received at this office from *Los Angeles* Chapter, No. 33, wherein Comp. SAMUEL C. FOY is suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry; and from *Shasta* Chapter, No. 9, wherein WILLIAM THOMAS HIGGINS is expelled from all his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason. Due notice of appeal was filed after the conclusion of the case in *Los Angeles* Chapter and the transcript is accompanied by a statement by said suspended companion. No appeal was taken in the case from *Shasta* Chapter, and no notice filed. These transcripts, notice of appeal and statement are herewith presented for reference to the proper committee.

On the fifth day of the present month a communication was received by the undersigned from Comp. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, General Grand Secretary of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, in which attention is called to the fact that at the Triennial Convocation of that Body, held in Baltimore, 1871, "a resolution was adopted requesting each of the Grand Chapters to contribute annually to the support of the General Grand Chapter one cent *per capita* on the number of Royal Arch Masons within their respective jurisdictions, per last returns;" also, to the fact that "California has never responded to that appeal," though the usual blanks have been "forwarded annually for several years."

That resolution was presented and its adoption recommended by our own representative at that Convocation, Comp. CHARLES MARSH, then chairman of the Finance Committee. It would seem, therefore, that the Grand Chapter of California should be the very last to ignore the provision, or to fail in carrying it out in good faith. Had the payments been made annually, as contemplated, the amounts necessary to meet them would never have been missed; but the aggregate of the sums for the several years since the resolution was adopted is far more considerable. Herewith is presented a statement of the number of Royal Arch Masons returned each year since the resolution became operative, and the *per capita* due to the General Grand Chapter for those years, viz.:—

Year.	Royal Arch Masters Returned.	Per Capita.
1872.....	2,013.....	\$20 13
1873.....	2,161.....	21 61
1874.....	2,269.....	22 68
1875.....	2,475.....	24 75
1876.....	2,781.....	27 81
1877.....	2,883.....	28 83
1878.....	2,990.....	29 90
1879.....	2,936.....	29 86
1880.....	2,904.....	29 04

Total Royal Arch Masons,.... 23,411

Amount now due,.... \$234 11



With this brief showing, which was deemed necessary in order that the members of the Grand Chapter might have a better understanding of the claim presented, the communication is herewith submitted for such action as to this Grand Body may seem just and proper.

The above statement presents another fact which may not be inappropriately referred to: That since the year 1878, when the depression in business interests began to be most seriously felt in this State, the annual decrease in our numbers has been continuous, though gradual. Is it that suspension for non-payment of dues has been too freely and inconsiderately practised, or that dismissions have been occasioned by the oversensitiveness of companions who found the payment of dues oppressive by reason of existing financial difficulties? These are questions of grave import, and are worthy of serious consideration by the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction. The actual decrease for the past year—suggested in this connection—is shown by the following:—

Number exalted during the year, .....	129
Affiliated, including nine petitioners for <i>Bodie</i> Chapter, .....	45
Restored, .....	17
<b>Total increase, .....</b>	<b>191</b>
Number dimitted, .....	90
“ excluded, .....	24
“ suspended for non-payment of dues, .....	91
“ suspended for unmasonic conduct, .....	1
“ expelled, .....	4
“ died, .....	24
<b>Total decrease, .....</b>	<b>234</b>
<b>Net decrease, .....</b>	<b>43</b>

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Secretary's office for the past year:—

Received from H. T. Graves, April 14, 1879, of collection from C. L. Wiggin, \$450 00	
“ “ subordinate Chapters for dues to January 31st, 1880, .....	\$212 00
“ “ <i>Lakeport</i> Chapter, U. D., dues to April 1st, 1879, and to April 1st, 1880, .....	93 00
“ “ <i>Lakeport</i> Chapter, charter fee, .....	50 00
“ “ <i>Bodie</i> Chapter, dispensation fee, .....	75 00
“ “ “ “ dues to April 1st, 1880, .....	144 00
“ “ “ “ charter fee, .....	50 00
“ “ dispensations to elect officers, .....	15 00
“ “ “ “ to ballot on petitions, .....	45 00
“ “ five diplomas, .....	10 00
“ “ sale of twelve volumes bound proceedings, .....	24 00
“ “ dividends Masonic Hall Association, .....	585 00
<b>Making total receipts for the year, .....</b>	<b>\$4753 00</b>
Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented, ..	\$4753 00
Thirty-three warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer, amounting in the aggregate to, .....	\$3157 74
All which is respectfully submitted.	

THOMAS H. CASWELL,  
Grand Secretary.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Convocation :—

H. T. GRAVES, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter of California.*

1879.			DR.	
April 8.	To balance cash on hand, .....	\$4477 43		
1880.				
April 12.	“ cash received from Grand Secretary, to date, 4753 00			
			\$9230 42	
1879.				CR.
April 9.	By cash paid delegates in attendance at Annual Convocation, as per pay roll, .....		\$1068 80	
“ 9.	“ “ paid Grand Officers, .....		151 80	
“ 17.	“ “ paid Grand Guard, as per warrant No. 1, .....		25 90	
1880.				
April 12.	“ “ paid for expenses Grand Secretary's Office to date, as per warrants Nos. 2, 7, 8, 9, 19, 21, 24, 26, 29, 32, 33, .....		166 60	
“ 12.	“ “ salary Grand Secretary, Nos. 3, 6, 13, 17, 18, 20, 22, 23, 25, 28, 30, 31, .....		1800 00	
1879.				
May 1.	“ “ Chairman Finance Committee, warrant No. 4, .....		11 00	
June 17.	“ “ printing proceedings, warrant No. 10, .....		548 24	
“ 21.	“ “ furniture for Grand Secretary's Office, warrants Nos. 5, 11, .....		200 00	
“ 30.	“ “ painting portrait of P. G. H. P., varnishing and hanging portraits, warrants Nos. 12, 16, 27, .....		81 00	
July 7.	“ “ rent of Grand Secretary's Office, 12 months, warrant No. 15, .....		300 00	
“ 10.	“ “ Grand Organist, warrant No. 14, .....		25 00	
Total disbursements, .....			4377 84	
Balance on hand, .....			4852 58	
		\$9230 42	\$9230 42	

In addition to the cash on hand, the Grand Treasurer holds nine hundred shares of Masonic Hall stock, the par value of which is nine thousand dollars.

All which is respectfully submitted,

H. T. GRAVES,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

Companion THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following report, the reading of which was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your Committee on Correspondence has received the proceedings of the following Grand Chapters, a review of which is hereby respectfully submitted. We regret that those of Arkansas, England and Wales, Georgia, Missouri, and Texas have not

come to hand, as it was our desire to give tidings from *all* our sister Jurisdictions at this time :—

ALABAMA,.....	for 1878, 1879	NEBRASKA,.....	for 1878, 1879
CANADA,.....	".....1879	NEVADA,.....	".....1879
COLORADO.....	".....1879	NEW HAMPSHIRE,.....	".....1879
CONNECTICUT.....	".....1879	NEW JERSEY,.....	".....1879
DELAWARE,.....	".....1879	NEW YORK,.....	".....1879
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA,.....	".....1879	NORTH CAROLINA,.....	".....1879
FLORIDA,.....	".....1879	NOVA SCOTIA,.....	".....1877, 1878
ILLINOIS,.....	".....1879	OHIO,.....	".....1879
INDIANA,.....	".....1879	OREGON,.....	".....1878, 1879
IOWA,.....	".....1879	PENNSYLVANIA,.....	".....1879
KANSAS,.....	".....1879	QUEBEC,.....	".....1878, 1879
KENTUCKY,.....	".....1878	RHODE ISLAND,.....	".....1879
LOUISIANA,.....	".....1879	SOUTH CAROLINA,.....	".....1878, 1879
MAINE,.....	".....1879	TENNESSEE,.....	".....1879
MARYLAND,.....	".....1879	VERMONT,.....	".....1879
MASSACHUSETTS,.....	".....1878	VIRGINIA,.....	".....1879
MICHIGAN,.....	".....1879	WEST VIRGINIA,.....	".....1877, 1878
MINNESOTA,.....	".....1879	WISCONSIN,.....	".....1879
MISSISSIPPI,.....	".....1879		

#### ALABAMA.

In our report of last year we expressed our regret at the absence of our sister Alabama from our annual love feast; and, although that absence has in a measure been remedied by the reception of the missing pamphlet, we again sorrowfully contemplate a vacant place at our table; the roll has been called, but Alabama, for 1879, respondeth not. Surely the postal facilities supplied by our revered Uncle Samuel are sufficiently elaborate to insure the safe and speedy transmission of documents from Alabama to California, or elsewhere. We dislike to impute neglect to Comp. SAYRE, and we won't; but regretting the absence of later news, we turn our attention to the tidings before us.

The Grand Chapter of Alabama held its fifty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Montgomery on the third day of December, 1878,—the R.<sup>+</sup> E.<sup>+</sup> JAMES MILTON, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the R.<sup>+</sup> E.<sup>+</sup> DANIEL SAYRE being Grand Secretary. Thirty subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest being absent, by reason of a wounded foot, his Address (an exceedingly brief one) was read by the Grand Secretary.

The events of the past year, it appears, have not proved so propitious to the improvement of the Order as he had hoped, yet the prospect is more flattering than in years preceding. Old difficulties, he says, have only been partially removed, and he looks to the restoration of the Chapters to their former prosperity and vigor, only through a course of slow and gradual development. We sympathize with our sister in the difficulties and annoyances which have beset her path, and would comfort her with the assurance that strength and vigor, obtained through a process of slow and gradual development, are far more enduring than the spasmodic evidences of prosperity, resulting from a forced and abnormal growth.

The only official acts of the Grand High Priest were the issuance of a few special dispensations, and the appointment of sundry Representatives near other Grand Chapters.

A committee of seven was appointed to investigate and report upon a plan of "Endowment or Beneficiary Scheme," by means of which the sum of \$1,000 may be insured to the heirs of all Royal Arch Masons who may be participants therein. We doubt the propriety of Grand Chapters, or other Masonic bodies, engaging in

the insurance business. For purely beneficial societies it may do very well; but the white apron of Masonry should be kept unpolluted by any stock-jobbing schemes.

The Report on Correspondence is from the genial pen of Comp. PALMER J. PILANS, who reviews the transactions of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales. California for 1878 receives a brief but kindly notice, our proceedings having arrived too late to admit of a more extended review.

Thirty-five subordinate Chapters are borne upon the registry of the Grand Chapter, with an aggregate membership of—well—when Comp. SAYRE foots up his statistical columns we will impart the information.

The M. E. JAMES HARVEY JOINER was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. DANIEL SAYRE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

On March 30th, and after our report had been placed in the hands of the printer, the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of Alabama for 1879 came to hand. "Better late than never;" and if our other missing sisters would only put in an appearance, even at this late hour, we would gladly welcome them. The fifty-third Annual Convocation was held in the city of Montgomery on the second day of December,—the M. E. JAMES HERVEY JOINER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. DANIEL SAYRE being Grand Secretary. Twenty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief but practical, and evidences the desire of a true Mason to promote the welfare of the Craft. He congratulates his companions upon their exemption from the ravages of the terrible pestilence which has so fearfully desolated a neighboring jurisdiction, and returns devout thanks to the Supreme Ruler that they have not been called upon to mourn the loss of any present or Past Grand Officer since the last Annual Convocation. He announces the death of Comp. CORSON, of New Jersey, and pays a kindly and fraternal tribute to his memory. He gives us the cheering intelligence that peace and harmony prevail among the workmen, and, as an evidence of the fact, he states that but few applications for official decisions had been made, and none that developed a disordered state of affairs or a refractory element in any of the subordinate Chapters. He decided that a minister of the gospel could not receive the degrees in a Chapter gratuitously. That a Royal Arch Mason might visit a Chapter, although the Lodge of which he was a member had been suspended for non-payment of dues, provided he was in good standing in said Lodge at the time of its suspension. California has been made the subject of much sharp criticism upon our somewhat radical method of dealing with delinquents for dues. We trust our philanthropic companions, who so earnestly advocate the Masonic rights and privileges of those who refuse to pay for them, will now give us a brief respite, and turn their attention to Alabama. We suspend individuals for non-payment of dues; but in that jurisdiction it appears that "*whole families are taken that way.*" We yield the palm to Alabama, and, until we receive further light, suspend our judgment upon the propriety of suspending Lodges for non-payment of dues. He also decided that a non-affiliated Master Mason could not lawfully receive the degrees in the Chapter. The law in Alabama requires an applicant for the Chapter degrees to be a member in good standing of a symbolic Lodge.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter, and sundry specials, for the usual purposes, were issued. He acknowledges that he has been rather free in the exercise of dispensary power, but excuses himself on the ground that representations were made to him that the interests of the Craft would be promoted thereby.

He recites the unsuccessful efforts that have been made to disseminate the work, and implies that it is rather the fault of the Grand Chapter than of the committee having the matter in charge, who have labored with praiseworthy energy to discharge

their duty conscientiously; but owing to the usual hurry to close and get home, they have been denied an opportunity properly to exemplify the work. This he properly regards as unjust to the committee, and a positive wrong to the subordinate Chapters, many of whom send their delegates from afar, principally for the purpose of acquiring a thorough knowledge of the ritual.

He cautions his companions against hasty legislation, and urges them to take time for due deliberation upon all questions claiming their attention. Good and wholesome advice.

A resolution was adopted, authorizing all Chapters whose charters had been forfeited for non-payment of dues, to re-organize, elect officers and continue work until the Annual Convocation in 1880, when, if their dues were paid for that year, they were to be fully reinstated. This action will, doubtless, infuse new life into many of the moribund Chapters, and enable them to kindle once more the extinguished fires upon their deserted altars, and re-commence their labors with renewed energy and zeal.

A case of violation of the jurisdictional rights of one subordinate Chapter by another was settled by a censure of the offending body and the refunding of the fees.

The Grand Chapter, by resolution, decided that no Chapter under that jurisdiction could be legally opened or holden at any time, unless the charter be present in the Chapter hall at the time.

We are somewhat particular about the correctness of our returns in this jurisdiction, and have to wrestle powerfully with some of our subordinate Secretaries in this respect, but we opine that the most careless of them would feel aggrieved if his returns should be reported incorrect because the seal impressed thereon was "*not plumb*." We often get them with the seal *plumb* upside down, but, so long as it is affixed, we are content if all else is correct.

Past Grand High Priest JAMES E. COBB was made the recipient of a beautiful tea-service, selected by a committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation for that purpose. The presentation was made in eloquent words by the M. E. Grand High Priest, which were replied to in a most felicitous manner by the learned and distinguished recipient.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of Comp. PALMER J. PILLANS, and deals with the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters. California, for 1879, receives brief but kindly notice at his hands. Referring to the refusal of Past Grand High Priest BROWN to approve the amendment to the By-Laws of *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, authorizing the appointment of Trustees, he confessed himself at a loss to discover any good reason why he should refuse to allow a Chapter to provide Trustees for its permanent fund, and thinks that it should be the aim of every Grand High Priest to encourage the subordinate Chapters to accumulate such a fund. He praises our last report, but says: "We do not find in it Alabama." Neither did we find it, Companion, when we commenced our report, and we were sadly demoralized thereat; for Alabama has so long been the established starting point for such reports, that we felt somewhat at a loss how to proceed without it.

Under the head of Canada, he writes as follows:—

"The Convocation of 1879 was held on 18th August, the G. Z. being present and presiding. From his decision of the only question submitted to him, we find that the principle which governed him is the one which, a few years since, we declared was a growing one. This growth is cropping out more and more, annually. The principle alluded to is that each grand body, with its subordinates, is entirely independent of the others, and is only so far connected with the others that its members equally with theirs are members of the same fraternity. In this jurisdiction, we hold that all combined go to make up one vast and beautiful Temple; that Blue Lodge Masons constitute the bottom—the foundation stones of this Temple—and that if any of these be pulled out, the superstructure falls; that one cannot be a suspended Lodge Mason and yet exist as a Chapter Mason, nor do we exactly see how the Master Masons, aware of the suspension of one of their number, can very well communicate *masonically* anywhere with him, so long as this should last. It may

be, however, that when the entire independence of each body shall have been established, a method may be devised of calming conscience."

Comp. PILLANS writes an excellent report, but, alas! "a pent-up" *treasury* "contracts his powers," and he is frequently obliged to concentrate just where we would have him enlarge.

Thirty-four subordinate Chapters make returns, showing an aggregate membership of seven hundred and seventy-five; estimate of members not reported, one hundred and fifty-two; total, nine hundred and twenty-seven.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### CANADA.

The Grand Chapter of Canada held its twenty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Guelph on the thirteenth day of August, 1879,—the *M. E.* FRED. J. MENET, Grand Z., presiding, the *R. E.* DAVID McLELLAN being Grand Scribe E. Forty chartered Chapters and one under dispensation were represented. A large number of Grand Superintendents of Districts, Past Grand Officers, Grand Representatives, and Past First Principals, participated in the opening ceremonies.

The Grand Z. in his Address makes the cheering announcement that the past year has been one of almost unexampled peace and harmony within that jurisdiction.

Under the head of Decisions we note the following, which is somewhat startling to our California ideas of Masonic ethics:—

"But one matter of any moment has been referred to me for decision. The *M. W.* the Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of A. F. & A. Masons of Manitoba, having by edict suspended from the privileges of Masonry several brethren, also companions of the Royal Arch, exception was taken by some of the members of the Chapter at Winnipeg to their being present and assisting in the installation of officers and candidates. Upon being appealed to, I ruled 'That suspension by a Craft Lodge, whether Grand or subordinate, had no force in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, this Order alone having the right to pass judgment upon any of its members.'

"You will be glad to learn that the disagreements which resulted in the aforesaid suspensions have been amicably adjusted, and that harmony once more prevails among our brethren."

We are glad to learn that a cloud so portentous of discord has disappeared and left the Masonic horizon once more clear; but how our Canadian companions can recognize as Masons and fraternize with men who have been duly suspended by competent authority, and reconcile the act with their Masonic duties and obligations, passeth our understanding. This question has already received due attention from those who have preceded us in the reportorial chair, and, holding opinions identical with theirs, we deem it unnecessary to pursue the subject farther.

One dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter was granted, and a number of special dispensations were issued, authorizing the installation of officers otherwise ineligible under the Constitution. At the last Annual Convocation notice was given of a motion to amend the Constitution so as to avoid this difficulty in the future, but the motion when made in Grand Chapter was lost, and we presume that in the future, as in the past, a number of special dispensations will be required to install companions in offices for which they do not possess the requisite qualifications.

The Constitution was so amended that hereafter the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter will be held on Friday of the same week in which the Grand Lodge holds its sessions.

*Query.* Was this done to enable those who may be suspended or expelled by the Grand Lodge to "step down and out," and console themselves by fraternal intercourse with the Grand Chapter?

The report of the Executive Committee shows a balance on the credit side of the Ledger of \$6,651 09.

Committees were appointed to revise the Constitution and the work in the Mark, Past, and M. E. M's degrees.

A committee was also appointed to prepare and present to Past Grand Z., F. J.

**MENET**, a suitable testimonial of the appreciation by the Grand Chapter of his valuable services as their presiding officer during the past two years.

A memorial page is inscribed to the memory of that *M. E.* Companion and courteous gentleman, **THOMAS J. CONSON**, Past Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey—a graceful tribute to the memory of one whose genial qualities as a man and a Mason were known and appreciated wherever a Masonic altar was erected, and whose ability as a Masonic writer and jurist had placed his name high upon the roll of fame.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, presented by Comp. **HENRY ROBERTSON**, and fills sixty-six pages of the Annual. He reviews the transactions of forty-one Grand Chapters, California, for 1878, receiving a fair share of his attention.

He quotes the decision of Grand High Priest **KNAPP**, relative to objection after the election of a candidate, and also portions of the reports of the committees on Jurisprudence, and on transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapter, but makes no comment other than that "they are well worthy of attention."

Under the head of New Jersey, he quotes the following:—

"The Committee on Constitutions, to which has been referred the resolution 'That suspension in the Blue Lodge shall not act as a suspension in the Chapter, unless it shall be for other causes than for non-payment of dues,' reports as follows: This is a subject that does not require any consideration, because the subject matter of the resolution is totally at variance with the principles of Masonry, the usage of the Fraternity, and all good policy. It is impossible to make 'suspension' a qualified sentence. If suspension means anything, it means suspension from membership, and all the rights of Masonry—during the term of said sentence.

"The committee recommends that the Grand Chapter, once for all, stamp with its unequivocal rejection any attempt to establish so monstrous a doctrine."

Upon which (in our opinion) sound proposition, he comments as follows:—

"With all due deference to the Committee, we think this subject requires a great deal more consideration than they gave it. We make bold to say, that this resolution is not at all at variance with the principles of Masonry. It certainly is not contrary to the usage of the fraternity here, and it is entirely in accord with good policy. The Chapter and Lodge are two distinct organizations, and each one is quite capable of taking care of its own members. We have, heretofore, had our say on this subject, and cannot enlarge on it now. To our mind, the views of the Committee are totally opposed to the true liberality of Masonic principles, and we have as much right to stigmatize their opinions as 'monstrous' as they have to use that term in reference to a doctrine which is held by many earnest and talented brethren to be the correct one."

We concede the fact, that the "Lodge and Chapter are two distinct organizations," also, that "each one is quite capable of taking care of its own members;" but we contend that the one is born of and entirely dependent upon the other. Were there no Lodges, there could be no Chapters, as Royal Arch Masonry is at present organized; and if we assert the doctrine of absolute independence of the Lodges, we may as well carry it to its logical conclusion, and at once make Royal Arch Masons of the profane. We will not go as far as the New Jersey committee and characterize the doctrine as "monstrous," but we do say, to draw it mildly, that it is *abominable*.

We regard this question as of vital importance, and in order that our Companions may fully understand its merits, we quote a portion of the report of Comp. **ROBERT M. ELGIN**, of Texas, wherein certain pertinent questions are propounded to Comp. **ROBERTSON**, and his answers thereto are appended.

Referring to a former report of Comp. **ROBERTSON**, Comp. **ELGIN** says:—

"He explains the circumstance alluded to in our former Report, with some expressions of surprise of the expulsion of several Companions by simple motion in the Grand Chapter. He acknowledges that in many respects they differ from the practice in most of the jurisdictions in this country, and we must confess in this instance the practice is peculiar, to say the least of it.

"It seems that those Companions had been expelled by the Grand Lodge of Canada. Whether expelled legally or illegally, for good cause, or on a mere pre-

text, it was by authority of the Supreme Masonic Power. Its decree of expulsion could only be reversed by its own action. Until so reversed it was binding not only on every Mason in Canada, but, in our opinion, upon every individual Mason in the world.

"Notwithstanding all this, under a constitutional requirement of the Grand Chapter, they were summoned to appear before that Body 'to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced.' 'They failed to appear,' says Comp. ROBERTSON, 'their offence was proven, and they were then expelled by Grand Chapter from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry.'

"Holding, as we do, that every Grand Body has the right to adopt such regulations as it may see proper for its own local government, and that its acts under the same are binding upon all Masons from every jurisdiction, provided they do not conflict with the ancient landmarks, we suppose we have no right to object to the provision alluded to or to the circumstance under discussion, but still we have a right to our own opinion, and we take the liberty of asking Comp. ROBERTSON a question or two. Had these six expelled Masons made their appearance before the Grand Chapter when summoned, would they have been permitted to enter and participate in the proceedings? Could you have admitted them without holding Masonic intercourse with them? If you could admit them without holding Masonic intercourse with them, then indeed your work is different from ours. If you could not admit them without holding Masonic intercourse, it seems to us the members of the Chapter would, by thus admitting them, be subject to charges by the Lodge.

"But admitting that they could be permitted to enter, or even that they could only appear by proxy, but had they appeared and convinced the Grand Chapter that they had committed no offence, what effect could it have had? Could they have remained Masters in good standing, attended all your meetings, been present during all your ceremonies, and, in fact, stood upon a level with the other Companions? If such is the effect of the constitutional provision alluded to, then we are of opinion that it is a most dangerous one. But that our Companions may the better understand it, we copy the article as contained in the report:

"When the Grand Lodge, or any other competent authority in the Craft, shall suspend or expel any Brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, the Grand Chapter shall, immediately on such suspension or expulsion, and the circumstances relating thereto being communicated to it by the Grand Z., proceed to consider and decide whether such Companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch-Masonic functions for the period whilst such Craft suspension or expulsion continues in force. But he shall not, neither shall any Companion, under any circumstances, be suspended or expelled, until he shall have been summoned to show cause why such sentence should not be recorded and enforced, and afforded every opportunity of defending himself, either in Grand Chapter as aforesaid, or before other duly constituted authority.'

"Suppose a Mason, expelled by the Grand Lodge of New York, should be placed in a like condition to those unfortunate six members expelled by the Grand Lodge of Canada, and the Grand Chapter concludes, from his showing, that he was improperly expelled, and receives him into the bosom of the Craft; a Companion from New York visiting your Chapter, finds in it an expelled Mason from his jurisdiction; he informs the High Priest there is an expelled Mason present with whom he cannot sit. 'Very well,' says the presiding officer, 'our Grand Chapter has decided that he was improperly expelled by your Grand Lodge, and if you do not choose to sit with him you can retire.'

"In such a case, we think if the Grand Chapter of New York was informed of it, those 'cordial relations' would cease very suddenly."

"We have already in this report, in our notice of Illinois, New Jersey, North Carolina, and Quebec, had something to say on this subject; but we may here briefly answer the queries of Comp. ELGIN.

"Had the six expelled Masons made their appearance before the Grand Chapter when summoned, they would undoubtedly have been admitted. It would be rather a transparent farce to summon a Companion to appear, and then refuse to let him appear; and we do not propose to take part in such a comedy. They would have been permitted to enter and make their defence, and we would then have decided whether or not their defence was a good one.

"If the decision had been in their favor, they would have remained Royal Arch Masons in good standing, entitled to attend all Chapter meetings, to be present at all Chapter ceremonies, and to be on a level with the other Companions. This may be a "most dangerous" effect, but we cannot see anything dangerous about it at all. It seems to us perfectly fair and just. They are in good standing in the Chapter, until suspension or expulsion by the Chapter; and it would be unjust and unfair to deprive them of their Royal Arch privileges so long as their standing as Companions is unimpaired.

"As to the Chapter members, under these circumstances, being subject to charges by the Lodge, we think that would be another farce. No such charge could possibly



be sustained. The Lodge cannot know what takes place in the Chapter. It does not concern the Lodge in any way, and in fact the Lodge, as a Lodge, does not know that the Chapter is a Masonic body at all. It would be just as sensible to prefer a charge against a brother for sitting with a suspended Mason in an Odd Fellow's or Good Templar's Lodge, or attending the same church.

"The case put by Comp. ELGIN, as to the expulsion by a foreign power of one of its own members, is entirely beside the question, and has no connection whatever with the subject under discussion. We fully agree with Comp. ELGIN, that every Grand Body has the right to make its own regulations, and that the standing of a Mason at home must determine his position abroad. If, in Texas, a Royal Arch Mason loses his good standing as such, by suspension from the Lodge, we would not admit him to our Chapters here. We might not agree with their rule, and might think that our regulations on that point were better, but we would respect their decision, and give it force, as the act of a Masonic power in all respects equal to our own; just the same as we would expect our suspensions to be recognized in Texas. The fact that the Companion was not in good standing in the Chapter where he belongs, would be sufficient for us, and we would not think of questioning the legality of his suspension."

Comp. ROBERTSON will understand that, upon this question, we agree to disagree; and here we drop the subject.

There are seventy-five Chapters on the registry of this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of three thousand four hundred and three.

The total receipts for the year amount to \$1,592 11.

The M. E. DANIEL SPRY was elected Grand Z. and the R. E. DAVID McLELLAN was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

#### COLORADO.

The Grand Chapter of Colorado held its fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Denver on the eighteenth day of September, 1879,—the M. E. EDWARD H. COLLINS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ED. C. FARMER being Grand Secretary. Six subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his Address offers up fervent thanks to the Most High for all the blessings vouchsafed them; that the "Great Reaper" has left no vacant place in their Councils, and that "the long night of adversity has closed, and the sun of prosperity illuminates the scene on every hand." He decided that Chapters under dispensation had not the right to affiliate members.

Overhaul the decisions of the General Grand Chapter, companion, and "when found make a note of it," that that right is conceded to Chapters U. D.

He also decided that Chapters in that jurisdiction have the right to confer more than one degree upon the same person at the same Convocation. Good enough law, but a bad practice except in emergent cases.

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters, which speaks well for the growing prosperity of our young sister; and as the best evidence that peace and harmony prevail within her borders, no case of grievance had been presented.

Upon the question of non-payment of dues we extract the following, in which we concur:—

"I am of the opinion that the general depression of business which has prevailed during the last few years has been the principal cause of this unpardonable evil. Unpardonable, because if the companion is able he should pay, if he is not able, his dues should be remitted. It is a false pride which prevents a companion from stating in words what the non-payment of dues is an acknowledgment of, and as it is presuming for a body of Masons to declare that one of its members is unable to pay a just debt, (which a vote to remit dues unasked is equivalent to) I think it is plainly the duty of a member to explain why his dues are not paid, and if not able to pay, ask that they be remitted, and that Masonic charity, which knows no bounds but a brother's needs, will settle all differences."

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That Royal Arch Masons to be in good standing in this Grand Jurisdiction must be and continue to be in good standing in their respective Blue Lodges,

and that their status in their Lodge must govern and control their standing in their Chapters, and the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction will govern themselves accordingly."

This is placing the foot on solid ground, and the heresy of Chapter independence of Craft Masonry is not likely to take root in Colorado.

The brevity of the proceedings, and the absence of any Report on Correspondence, leaves us little to comment upon; we trust, however, that Comp. BYERS, or some other companion equally well qualified, will be designated to fill the gap in the proceedings caused by the absence of this important report.

There are nine Chapters in this jurisdiction. Total membership, 398.

The *M. E.* JOHN R. HAMBEL was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* Ed. C. PARMLEE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### CONNECTICUT.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its eighty-first Annual Convocation in the city of New Haven on the thirteenth day of May, 1879,—the *M. E.* DWIGHT WAUGH, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* Jos. K. WHEELER being Grand Secretary. Thirty-four Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, after an eloquent tribute paid to the memory of several illustrious companions who have gone to "render an account of their stewardship," is principally confined to a recital of his official acts, none of which are of interest to the Craft in general.

He earnestly urges the importance of visitation by the Grand Officers to the subordinate Chapters, to inspect their general condition, and to give such instruction as will lead to a uniformity in their work, and advance their general welfare. While the Grand Chapter has made this duty obligatory upon the Grand Officers it has made no provision for the defrayment of their necessary expenses while so engaged, and this omission the Grand High Priest very properly characterizes as unjust; nor does he think the expense should be borne by the subordinate Chapters, and recommends that some legislation be had to supply the deficiency by the Grand Chapter. He calls attention to the application of non-affiliated Master Masons for the Chapter degrees, and denounces, with well-merited severity, that large class of individuals who seek to enjoy Masonic benefits without bearing Masonic burdens; and who, unwilling or unable to discharge the responsibilities already incumbent upon them, seek to incur others, which they will probably consider equally binding upon them. While he believes that few, if any, of the Chapters would be willing to build with such imperfect ashlar, he calls upon the Grand Chapter to take such legislation as shall stamp them with the brand of its condemnation, and prohibit their acceptance by the subordinate Chapters.

He congratulates his companions upon the perfect harmony which continues to pervade the jurisdiction, no complaint or murmur of dissatisfaction having reached him during the year, and no questions of Masonic law have vexed his spirit or disturbed the serenity of his official existence. In short, we gather from his Address that Connecticut is, Masonically, in a state of perfect beatitude.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, the Grand Chapter adopted a resolution forbidding the subordinate Chapters to receive the petitions of non-affiliated Masons. Also, that a sum sufficient to defray the expenses of the first four Grand Officers, in making official visits to the Chapters, be appropriated annually for that purpose.

A full, complete, and well prepared Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW, he having been fortunate enough to secure the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters in correspondence with that Grand Chapter, forty-two in number. We congratulate Comp. BARLOW upon his success; how he did it excites our special wonder. He quotes approvingly from the Address of Grand High Priest KNAPP, (Proceedings of 1878) and also from the report of the committee upon the transfer of the Council degrees.

He is pleased with our practice of publishing each year with the proceedings a full list of the members of the subordinate Chapters, and desires Connecticut to "go and do likewise." Comp. BARLOW is evidently of a poetical turn of mind, as he liberally intersperses his report with verses, collected from the various proceedings under review, some of which are passably good, and others are soul-grinding.

There are thirty-six chartered Chapters and one under dispensation on the registry, having a total membership of 3,810, being a decrease from the number reported in the previous year of thirty-six.

At a Council of High Priests held on May 12th, nine companions were received, anointed, consecrated, and set apart to the Holy Order of High Priesthood.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### DELAWARE.

This Grand Chapter held its eleventh Annual Convocation in the city of Wilmington on the fifteenth day of January, 1879,—the M. E. A. G. Cox, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. J. P. ALLMOND being Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest in his Address renders grateful thanks to the Giver of all good, that the pestilence which had so sorely stricken some of the sister jurisdictions had passed them by unharmed. The decease of one veteran in Masonry is announced, and a fitting tribute paid to his memory—this father in the Order was Comp. RHODES S. HEMMONS, Past Grand King, who died November 28th, 1878, at the ripe old age of seventy-nine years.

Owing to continued stagnation in business, the state of the Order was not so prosperous as in years past, yet quite a goodly number of brethren had been admitted, and the Grand High Priest justly observes that it is the *quality* rather than the quantity of material which constitutes true success, and gives permanency and prosperity to the Order. He expresses his gratification at the harmonious and pleasant relations which exist between his Grand Chapter and other Grand Bodies of the Order, and at the general desire expressed for the establishment of fraternal relations by the interchange of Representatives; and in furtherance of this desire he had appointed Representatives near the Grand Chapters of Nebraska, New Jersey, Louisiana, Missouri, Massachusetts, and Ohio. He also makes the somewhat rare announcement that he had visited all the subordinate Chapters in the State, and met a single instance occurred where a constitutional number was wanting to open the Chapter and transact business.

Aside from the appointment of Representatives, he had been called upon to perform no official acts, and no question of sufficient importance had been presented to call for action by the Grand Chapter.

The Grand Secretary presented his report, and having served as long as JACOB served for his wife, declined a re-election.

The Finance Committee report a balance on hand of \$148.27.

The Grand Chapter, having evidently a due regard for the comforts of the inner man, took time by the forelock and appropriated thirty dollars to provide a lunch for the refreshment of the members at the next Annual Convocation.

The Committee on Correspondence not being ready to report, permission was given them to print their report with the proceedings, and a very good one appears from the pen of Comp. J. THOMAS BUDD, who bids fair to be a "bud of promise," and, though somewhat late in the season, (with his report) will, no doubt, under favorable influences, blossom forth in fragrance and beauty; so mote it be. He reviews the transactions of thirty-five Grand Chapters, including the General Grand Chapter, and most of them for two years. California, for some unexplained reason, does not receive notice. He is somewhat sensitive upon the question of State magnitude, and bounces Comp. ROBERTSON of Canada in the following vigorous manner:—

"How we do wish these people who think of us as a small State, with small Chapters, small ideas, small aspirations, could raise enough money to come down here

and see our large peach orchards, large oysters, large terrapin, large fish, large strawberries, large houses, large hearts, and not the least, our large expectations. They would soon drop the insinuating cant, (we nearly always get from large jurisdictions) and these good fellows would credit us for our worth."

From the above we are fully satisfied that Delaware is famous for many "large" productions; but should Companion BUDD come to California, he would find that his peaches, when compared to ours, are but cherries; his oysters but mussels, his terrapin but land-crabs, his fish but minnows; his strawberries would compare favorably with our currants; his houses—why, even the State House might be dumped in the court-yard of our Palace Hotel, without materially obstructing the view from the *twelfth-story* windows; and as for hearts, well, we acknowledge that they do raise pretty good sized hearts in Delaware, but as to "*expectations*," we can beat the world. We might elaborate, but we don't wish to have it laid to our charge that we are conceited in the least, and therefore stop.

Under the head of Iowa we find the following upon the subject of "Negro Masonry," in which we fully concur:—

"We owe our companions of Delaware an explanation for placing the above extract before them. G. H. P. WINSLOW well may say that *so-called Colored Masonry* is pressing against our Institution, and his remarks if made twenty years ago would have been in keeping with the inflammatory denunciations of the then called *abolitionists*. That cloud, 'no larger than a man's hand,' overspread our political horizon and reached a crisis that drenched our fair land in blood. Masonry survived, when passion swayed the land, but now the insidious wiles are laid to entrap our beloved Order into a vortex of ruin, assuming the garb of philanthropist to serve its purpose, the livery of heaven to serve the Devil, and men are found holding high positions ready to be allured, to lend their talents to what we honestly believe to be the destruction of our Order. Let the negro alone. If he has a Masonic organization, let him enjoy it. If he has not, so much greater the reason to let him alone. We know we speak for Delaware when we assert our unalterable determination to hold fast to the principles and teachings of our fathers, and with that charity Companion WINSLOW extols, we can only say to Iowa that if she wants to cover the negroes with her broad mantle she can do so, but our offactories as yet instinctively resent such a close alliance."

This jurisdiction has six Chapters, with a membership of 323.

The *M. E.* ALFRED G. COX was re-elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GEORGE W. STONE was elected Grand Secretary.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter reached us on the thirty-first day of March. Our report had gone to the printer, but we have nevertheless managed to place our tardy sister in her proper place in the line.

Two Special Convocations were held during the year for the exemplification of the work.

The Semi-Annual Convocation was held on the eleventh day of June, 1879, but no business of general interest was transacted.

The thirteenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Washington on the tenth day of December, 1879,—the *M. E.* MATTHEW TRIMBLE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* C. W. HANCOCK being Grand Secretary. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, offers devout thanks to the Supreme Being for the manifold blessings vouchsafed to them during the year, and humbly invokes His divine aid and protection in years to come.

His official duties, he says, had been very light during the year, and he had only been called upon to decide a few unimportant matters, which were easily settled by reference to the By-Laws of the Chapter and the Grand Constitution. This, he thinks, speaks well for the "enlightened and hearty condition of the Craft in this jurisdiction," and he congratulates his companions that during the year no note of discord has marred the general harmony, and that their relations with other juris-

dictions were of the most friendly and fraternal character. Death had made no vacancy in their ranks; and while expressing his profound thankfulness for their exemption from scourge and pestilence, he tenders his sincere and heartfelt condolence with his grief-stricken companions of the South, who have been so sadly bereaved of many that were near and dear to them.

Accompanied by the Grand Officers, he had officially visited all the Chapters in the jurisdiction, and found much to commend in the fidelity, proficiency and zeal of the officers in charge. At these visitations an address was delivered before each Chapter by some companion appointed for that purpose, and one, we notice, is credited to Comp. B. D. HYAM, Past Grand Master of California.

Beside the official visits, he had on several occasions visited each Chapter during the year, and returns thanks for the uniform courtesy with which he was at all times received. He complains somewhat of the lack of interest manifested in the Special Convocations, called for the exemplification of the work, and thinks that "a conscientious discharge of their duties by the committee on Work, supplemented by the faithful and active co-operation of the Grand Lecturer," has rendered that provision of the Constitution which makes these Special Convocations obligatory, no longer necessary, and recommends that this portion of the Constitution be so amended as to leave it "discretionary with the Grand High Priest, when and how often these special Convocations shall be held."

That he has a just appreciation of the importance of Reports on Correspondence is evidenced by the following:—

"I desire most earnestly to call the attention of the companions of the several Chapters to the great importance of the reports which are made by our 'Committee on Foreign Correspondence.' The service performed, and the enormous labor connected with the preparation of these very able reports, is done 'without the hope of fee or reward,' and we should show that we appreciate this 'work of love' by a more general perusal. I know of nothing that gives us a pleasanter or more concise history of the yearly workings of the Craft; and the general regrets for the absence of a report last year that reach us from abroad show plainly their great importance, and the high esteem in which our committee is held by other jurisdictions. As we are promised an extended review this year, I hope that every companion will read the report in full, and 'improve himself in Masonry.'"

He considers it entirely proper to invite a Master Mason to apply for the Capitular degrees, on the ground that "our Mark Master is a complement to the Fellow Craft, and our Royal Arch a consummation of the Master Mason's degree; and the rule which the Master Mason follows towards those whom he calls 'profane' loses its force and effect when applied to the seeker after 'further light in Masonry.'"

The Committee on Grievances made their report, which consisted of the announcement that they had nothing to report, and appeared rather pleased than otherwise that such was the case; in fact, Masonic affairs in the District appear in every respect harmonious.

The Committee on Finances report a balance in the treasury of \$192.11.

The Grand Lecturer reports that the Chapters are in a healthy and harmonious condition, and that they have been fortunate in the selection of their officers, a very important condition to the welfare of any Masonic body.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. NOBLE D. LARNER, is contained in an appendix of eighty-four pages, and the transactions of thirty-nine Grand Chapters are carefully and intelligently reviewed. California for 1879 receives a fair share of his attention. He quotes approvingly from the Address of Comp. BROWN, and recommends the adoption by his Grand Chapter of the resolution relative to the examination of visitors, now in force in Pennsylvania, and adopted by us at the last Annual Convocation. He speaks in kindly terms of our last year's report, for which he has our thanks.

Under the head of Canada he quotes the following resolution:—

"That whereas there is a difference of opinion as to the procedure hereinafter

mentioned, be it therefore—*Resolved*, That it is the opinion of this Grand Chapter that Lodges of M. M. M., P. M. M. and M. E. M. M. may be opened and worked without the Chapter being first opened."

Of this action, Comp. LARNER expresses his disapproval as follows:—

"By the adoption of this resolution, Canada has decided that a Lodge of M. M. M., P. M. M. or M. E. M. M. can be opened and worked without the Chapter being opened or R. A. Masons being notified that such a Lodge is to be held. From the light before us at present on this subject, we must dissent from this action. These degrees are dependent on the Chapter, and must be worked in the body of the Chapter. If you allow a Lodge of M. M. M. or any other to be called, without calling the Chapter, you, to a certain extent, destroy the authority of the Chapter over these various degrees, and the time would not be far distant when our Chapters would be stripped of all degrees but the Royal Arch. It is the Chapter which is authorized to confer these degrees, and the power is not given to a High Priest to call Lodges of these degrees together independent of, and without giving notice to, the Chapter."

Our practice is, and always has been, in accordance with that outlined by the Canada resolution; nor do we construe the resolution in the light in which Comp. LARNER appears to understand it. The degrees are not conferred independent of the Chapter or without notification to Royal Arch Masons to be present. The usual notice of a meeting of the Chapter is given through the daily papers, but, for what purpose, is not stated. It is the business of Royal Arch Masons to attend and see for themselves. If the work is in the Mark degree, a Lodge of Mark Masters is at once opened, and the work proceeds; and, when the degree is conferred, the Lodge is closed and the brethren retire. The idea that the degree of Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Master cannot be conferred without first opening the Chapter, then calling off and opening on the degree to be conferred, then closing in that degree, calling on the Chapter again and formally closing it, to our mind smacks strongly of absurdity.

With reference to Comp. ROBERTSON's doctrine, that the Chapter is independent of the Lodge, and that a Mason may be suspended by his Lodge and yet retain his good standing in the Chapter, he says:—

"This is a very queer position, we think, for Comp. ROBERTSON to take. We admit that the Chapter and Lodge are to a certain degree 'distinct organizations,' but not to the extent that the Companion would have us believe. In principle they are the same. In minor details they differ. Do you not require a brother to be in good standing before you will entertain his application for the degrees? As you accept him because he is in good standing, how can you consent to let him remain with you when his good standing has been taken from him by his Lodge, the body from which you obtained him? It will not do to say that he has only been suspended for non-payment of dues, and that is no offence. We contend that it is an offence, and the fact that punishment is provided for non-payment of dues makes it an offence, and there can be no punishment where there is no offence. Truly, thou art '*bold*.'"

Under the head of Michigan he quotes a decision of the Grand High Priest, which was as follows:—

"2. If a companion objects to the conferring of the Chapter degrees on a candidate, after being duly elected, the objection must be withdrawn before he can proceed; but if the objecting companion is afterward suspended for unmaasonic conduct, that removes the objection so far as he is concerned, and the High Priest may confer the degrees unless some other companion objects."

"This decision of the Grand High Priest was overruled by the Grand Chapter by the adoption of the following report of the Committee on Jurisdiction on the question:—

"The first question presented by the Grand High Priest is a peculiar one, and we imagine is of rare occurrence. The G. H. P., in the first clause of his answer, gives the law which is applicable to this case: 'The objection must be withdrawn before the candidate can advance.'"

"The death or suspension of the objector does not invalidate the reasons given for the objection. We think the better way in all such cases would be a new petition and ballot."

"We regret very much that the committee did not give its reasons for the conclusion arrived at in the last paragraph quoted. Why is a new petition the better way in all such cases? The objection having been removed by the objector leaving the

Chapter, why is the applicant not entitled to the degrees? We hold, and so do the Grand Bodies in our jurisdiction, that when an objector to the advancement of a candidate ceases to be a member of the Chapter, that the candidate objected to is entitled to have the degrees conferred upon him, unless some other companion enters an objection. The law is that when a candidate is elected to receive the degrees he is to have them unless some companion enters an objection; but when that objection is out of the way, either by the companion who entered it withdrawing it, or by his ceasing to be a member of the Chapter from any cause, there is no law which will prevent his receiving them unless another objection is entered. As the law prohibits the conferring of the degrees upon a candidate when an objection is entered by a *member of the Chapter*, does not that same law entitle him to the degrees if the member who entered it ceases to be a member of the Chapter? When he leaves the Chapter, can he leave behind him an objection 'by a member of the Chapter?' We think not, and therefore hold that the Grand High Priest was right in the decision he gave."

With us the objection has the effect of a black ball, and no more; and at the expiration of the allotted time the candidate objected to may again apply in the same manner as if he had been rejected at the ballot-box.

Much more we would like to quote from this valuable report, but time and space are wanting.

There are eight subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having a total membership of 1,051.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter of the flowery land held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the city of Jacksonville on the twenty-first day of January, 1879,—the *M. E. ENOS WASGATE*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS* being Grand Secretary. Nine subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief, as his official acts were few, he having been absent from the jurisdiction half of his official term. One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter, and several special dispensations were issued for various purposes. The greater portion of his Address is devoted to a lecture upon the work of the Royal Arch degree, in which he reads his companions an earnest, impressive, and, as we should judge, well merited reproof upon the subject of degrading the ceremonies of this beautiful degree, from their high and solemn symbolism to the low level of farce and buffoonery. We had occasion once, as Grand Lecturer, to check this tendency in a few of the Chapters in our jurisdiction, and we believe with good success; and we are pleased to see the Grand High Priest of Florida take decided ground with reference to so degrading a practice. He says:—

"The ceremonies to me, if properly rendered, are purely sublime. I see in them a symbolic language, expressing ideas which reach from earth to heaven. But I have seen this work done in a way that destroyed entirely the symbolism, and rendered the ceremony an entire farce. When a companion stoops so low as to do this work in a way to make sport for himself or others, or for any other purpose not intended in the ritual, he not only destroys the symbolism, but prostitutes a solemn and impressive ceremony to base and unnatural purposes."

Again, with reference to the lack of interest in the Chapters, he says:—

"I think I can discover the cause of this lethargy in the membership of the Chapters in our sister jurisdictions and our own. Any departure from the symbolic work, either in Lodge or Chapter, has a tendency to disgust the refined, sensitive, upright, and honorable; and in a very short time the symbolism is entirely lost sight of, and then the work ceases to be interesting. The members cease to attend their meetings, and very soon the meetings die out entirely.

"Circumstances have been brought to my attention of the abuse of the ritual, of which I will mention. A gentleman of refinement got all the Masonry he wanted in the Apprentice degree by the abuse of the ritual; and the Institution lost a man who would have been an ornament to the fraternity anywhere. His simple expression, 'I thought I was among gentlemen,' ought to have been a standing rebuke to all such workers of iniquity. This will also apply to the Royal Arch degree. I know a very fine gentleman who got all the Royal Arch Masonry he wanted when he received the degree, and never honors the Chapter with his presence. \* \* \*

"I am only surprised that these Chapters have lasted so long, and I can only account for it by supposing that there are many of their members who look above those groveling practices, and are hoping at some time to assist in elevating their Chapters above the present standard."

Companions of Florida, heed ye the words of wisdom!

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Chapters of Rhode Island, Wisconsin, New Jersey, and Colorado.

The Committee on Dispensations and By-Laws submitted the following report:—

"It appears from the papers submitted to us that SMITH H. BUNKER was tried and expelled by *Gainsville* Chapter, U. D. This is an innovation upon the usage that has prevailed in this jurisdiction; a Chapter U. D. having no such power. But the accused plead guilty to the charges, which are of very flagrant character, and expulsion being a just penalty, we recommend that the action of the Chapter, with the silent acquiescence of the Grand High Priest, be adopted as the act of competent authority, and hence approved."

We trust that the *status* of Chapters under dispensation will soon be more thoroughly understood. By decree of the General Grand Chapter, we believe at its last triennial Conclave, Chapters U. D. were declared to have all the powers and prerogatives of chartered Chapters, except in certain specified particulars, among which is *not* the power to discipline its members. We have before expressed our views upon this question, and will only add that Chapters U. D. have now, and ought always to have had, the power to affiliate Royal Arch Masons as well as to make them; to prefer charges against, try, reprimand, suspend, or expel their own members, as to them may seem expedient.

The Committee on Grievances reported nothing to do. Jurisprudence likewise.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance of \$277 77 on hand.

No Report on Correspondence.

The M. E. ROBERT J. PERRY was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. DEWITT C. DAWKINS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### ILLINOIS.

This Grand Chapter held its thirtieth Annual Convocation in the city of Chicago on the thirtieth day of October, 1879,—the M. E. JOHN D. HAMILTON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GIL. W. BARNARD being Grand Secretary. One hundred and forty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest presents but little of general interest, being principally restricted to a recapitulation of his official acts. He briefly announces the demise of four excellent companions, among them Comp. CONSON, of New Jersey, of whom he truly says, "his death will be regretted wherever he was known."

From the reports of the several officers submitted to him, he finds the Craft in a harmonious condition, with no case of grievance to mar the general concord. The Chapters he reports in good financial condition, most of them having a surplus in the treasury to meet the calls of charity, if any be made.

Four dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters. These, he says, he was loth to grant, the temper of the Grand Chapter being opposed to the formation of new Chapters, but he deemed it for the interest of the Craft to do so.

He visited, officially, but two Chapters, being all in the jurisdiction, save one hundred and sixty-five, which remainder he was unable to visit, owing to business engagements. In one of those visited, however, he had the pleasure of seeing the *prince* of Principal Sojourners exemplify the Royal Arch work. We were not aware that there existed a *prince* of that guild; but are glad to know that such is the fact and that his name is HUBBARD.

He decided, 1st, That "a Chapter has no right to confer the Royal and Select Master's degree on a non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason;" in which decision we fully concur, and go a little farther, by saying that a Chapter has no right to confer those



degrees at all while holding allegiance to the General Grand Chapter. 2d, That "a Chapter has no right to confer the Past Master's degree, except on an actual candidate for the Capitular degrees in their regular order." 3d, "In a Chapter trial, if the accused pleads guilty, the Chapter must fix a penalty." 4th, "A Chapter cannot affix any other penalty for non-payment of dues than that prescribed by the Grand Chapter By-Laws."

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales, and the Grand Chapter of Rhode Island.

He attributes the unusually large loss of membership—one hundred and thirty-three—to the general and protracted depression of business. Many Chapters, he says, have come to the conclusion to "lop off all non-contributing timber, and take another lease of life, starting anew with diminished numbers,—all earnest workers"—a wise conclusion.

The Chapter appears to be troubled as to the manner of proceeding against members for non-payment of dues, and several letters had been addressed to the Grand High Priest on this subject. He suggested that the delinquents be summoned to appear and show cause why charges should not be preferred against them. We believe our California law to be much the simplest and most practical method of dealing with this difficulty. When a member is six months in arrears for dues, he is notified of the fact by the Secretary, with the information that if, at the next stated meeting, his dues are not paid, or some good reason given why payment is not made, he will be suspended from all the rights and privileges of the Order; and, if he neglects to pay attention to this notification, he is so suspended. The neglect to pay, or to present a satisfactory excuse for not doing so, is *prima facie* evidence of guilt, and the formality of a trial is a useless waste of time and trouble. If a Companion is unable to pay his dues, he has only to say so, and ask for further time, or that they be remitted, and his request is invariably granted.

The Grand Chapter appears to be in a tight place financially, and the Grand Treasurer was under the necessity of advancing \$1,700 at ten per cent. interest to defray current expenses. They are fortunate in having a Grand Treasurer able to put his shoulder to the wheel, and lift the financial wagon out of the slough of bankruptcy.

A motion to reduce the mileage paid by the Grand Chapter *did not* prevail, but the Grand Treasurer was authorized, provided the funds in hand were insufficient to meet the expenses, to advance the necessary deficiency from his own pocket, at eight per cent. interest per annum. We think it would have been better—but this is not our funeral.

At the close of the Convocation, a beautiful Past Grand High Priest's jewel was presented to the retiring Grand High Priest, and the thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to him for the able and efficient manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. THEODORE T. GURNEY, occupies eighty-seven pages of the proceedings, and is a well prepared and courteous review of the transactions of thirty-eight Grand Chapters. We regret the loss of so able a correspondent, for Comp. GURNEY succumbed to the pressure of other duties, and resigned the "gray goose quill" to Comp. ROBERT L. MCKINLAY. In taking his official leave of the Grand Chapter, he says:—

"I cannot retire, however, without expressing the hope that you will in the future, as in the past, urge upon the companions you represent the importance of the relations they sustain to local and general welfare. To be a good Mason should be the apex of all fraternal ambition. A Craftsman loyal to God and his race is the brightest jewel that adorns the social fabric—in life he is a benediction, and in death, an inspiration."

California, for 1879, receives a fair share of his attention. He endorses the action of our Grand High Priest, Comp. BROWNE, in declining to approve the proposed

amendment to the By-Laws of *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, authorizing the election of three trustees, etc.

With reference to the decision relative to the granting of a dispensation to re-ballot upon the application of a rejected candidate, he says: "We gather from the language of the decision that the petition of a rejected applicant for the degrees can be re-considered *ad libitum*." Not so, companion. Under our Constitution, no application of a rejected candidate for the degrees can be presented to any Chapter within six months after such rejection, without the *unanimous* consent of the Chapter in which he was rejected.

He tries to make a point on Comp. BROWN in the following, but we think his shot falls wide of the mark. He says:—

"It is so rare that we have an opportunity to criticize anything from the pen of Comp. BROWN, that we rather delight in the opportunity which the following affords:—

"I answered: In the case cited, the companion who received the degrees without paying the fees is entitled to visit the Chapter by paying the amount of dues, for the non-payment of which he was suspended; for it was not his fault, but that of the Secretary, that the fees were not paid in advance. The degrees were regularly conferred. The Secretary is responsible to the Chapter for the amount of the fees, as he failed to perform the duty with which he was intrusted. The companion who received the degrees and refuses to pay the incident fees, is guilty of unmasonic conduct in being dishonest, and charges should be preferred without delay, with intent to have him expelled from the Chapter. Briefly, the companion in his present condition can visit the Chapter provided he pays his dues; the Secretary is responsible for the fees; the dishonest companion should be brought to trial."

"Now, a large proportion of this is correct. The debt for fees, contracted by the companion, is just like any other indebtedness. It is a matter between him and the Secretary, and *not with the Chapter*. If it could be established that the companion had fraudulently contracted the debt, or that he fraudulently withheld means for its liquidation, then a prosecution might be sustained, but not otherwise. It is not a crime to be a debtor—in Illinois, particularly.

Don't you think the criticism a trifle strained, Comp. GURNEY? Of course, fraud is implied, otherwise trial would not have been recommended. We think Comp. BROWN, or any other Grand High Priest, will be fortunate, indeed, if their acts and decisions afford no broader ground for criticism than the foregoing.

He quotes our remarks upon consolidating the Council degrees with those of the Chapter, upon which he comments as follows:—

"We have never felt that we were transgressing in this matter, neither have we felt that we were doing aught else than promoting fraternal welfare by taking the Cryptic degrees from their degradation. If Comp. CASWELL will re-examine the terms of 'consolidation,' he will find that our Grand Chapter does not assume to confer any degree not sanctioned by the General Grand Chapter. The Council degrees are conferred in Councils as of yore. The officers of Chapters—members of Councils—are simply authorized to act as officers of the latter until such times as the Supreme Body shall provide for a general merging into the Capitular system, or until it has the courage to speak upon the subject.

"Although we are intensely loyal, still it is plain that there is not that large respect for the General Grand Chapter that its position should exact. We do not wish to wage any war upon it, but the action alluded to and the opinions of many Grand Bodies should remind its particular friends that unless there soon comes a disposition to act upon the important questions that have been before it for the entire period of its existence, that its extinction will be looked upon with indifference."

The argument of our esteemed companion, to our mind, carries with it no convincing force, nor do we discover in it any new light which should cause us to retreat one iota from our first position. Be it understood that we have no idea of opposing the transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapters, neither are we an advocate of the measure; but if such transfer is made, we ask that it be legally done, and that the action be made uniform. In our opinion, this cannot be accomplished without the consent of the General Grand Chapter, and the amendment of the Constitution. Section 9, of Article I, of that Constitution, reads as follows: "The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in

Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason." This language is plain and there is no evading it.

The argument that the officers of the Chapter, being Council Masons, are authorized to act as officers of the Council, is of no force, for they might with the same propriety, being all "Red Men," open a Council of that Order, the degrees of which are as much recognized by the General Grand Chapter as those of the Council.

The evident slur sought to be cast upon the General Grand Chapter, by impugning its courage to act, with all deference to our worthy companion, we consider in bad taste. The General Grand Chapter is the supreme governing body of the Order; many of its members are men whose reputations for Masonic learning, ability, and experience are world-wide, upon whose brows have fallen the snows of many winters, and whose hearts have ripened unto wisdom. Is it to be presumed that these veterans in Masonry lack the courage to act in any matter touching the welfare of the Order for whose interests they have labored so long and faithfully? Not they; but, at the proper time, and in the proper manner, after due deliberation, such action will be taken as will conduce to the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry. Let us then quietly submit to constituted authority, and patiently await the progress of events.

With reference to that portion of our review of Illinois last year, relative to the relation between the Royal Arch and Craft Masonry, he says:—

"We do not think that you have mended the matter, Comp. CASWELL. If you will give us the *authority* for employing the signs or other esoteric work of the Lodge, we will be glad to recognize it. If the Chapter can usurp this because its members are Craft Masons, so can *any other body* under like circumstances. Are we not correct in this? It matters little what *our* lectures' say or teach. We should be glad if you would present this question to the Grand Lodge of California. Please do. If that distinguished body will declare the Royal Arch 'the perfection and consummation of the third degree,' we will wheel into line without a murmur. It does not follow that remaining faithful to Lodge obligations is to impair the character or efficiency of the Chapter. If the Chapter can only maintain its existence at the expense of the integrity of the craft, it had better dissolve. It would be a novel sight to see a Lodge of Odd Fellows communicating the rituals of Symbolic Masonry, simply because the members were Masons. Think this question over, Comp. CASWELL."

We have thought it over, earnestly and carefully, and the mental exercise has rendered us all the more certain of the soundness of our position. The authority for which our companion asks is simply the authority of common sense. What authority have we for using the signs of the Entered Apprentice or Fellow Craft in the Masters' Lodge? One is separate and distinct from the other, and yet each is a component part of a harmonious whole. The relations of the Royal Arch to Craft Masonry are nearly the same as those of the Masters' Lodge to Lodges of the subordinate degrees, the only important difference being that each is governed by separate powers; they are parts of the same system, intimately connected by history and tradition. The Lodge, we presume no one will deny, is the foundation of all Masonry; without it the Chapter could not exist. The degrees of the Chapter are simply a continuation and completion of the grand and beautiful structure of which the Lodge forms the basis. The Chapter "usurps" nothing in using the signs, etc. of Craft Masonry; they are used as connecting links in the transition from one degree to another, and like the purple banner, "show the intimate connection existing between Ancient Craft Masonry and the sublime Royal Arch degree."

As to the allusion to the Lodge of Odd Fellows, we fail to discover its pertinence. Odd Fellowship has no connection with Masonry, historically or otherwise; and although many good Masons are also Odd Fellows, we have never heard of any desire to mix the two Orders.

Under the head of Canada he thus expresses his views of the question of Chapter independence, and we must confess we are somewhat at a loss to reconcile them with the doctrine enunciated in the extract before quoted.

The decision of the Grand Z. was that "suspension by a Craft Lodge, whether Grand or subordinate, had no force in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons." Upon which Comp. GURNEY says:—

"We surrender. If the Grand Z. can stand side by side with a suspended or expelled Craftman, and communicate the rituals of the Lodge, simply because they meet in another body, we are inclined to think that the Grand Lodge of Canada does not regard the obligation of the Craft as of much force."

Again, upon the same subject, reviewing Comp. ROBERTSON'S report, he says:—

"Well, well! The two bodies separate and distinct, eh? If so, why do you sanction our views (1878) of the objection-question? You say that 'there is no such provision in the unwritten or common law of Masonry.' Do you wish us to understand that your Symbolic Lodge tolerates Masonic intercourse with a suspended or expelled Mason? Please explain. Under Quebec and Texas Comp. ROBERTSON gets off the same untenable doctrine. We shall leave him with our successor."

We think the review of California and of Canada must have been written at different times, and under different influences. When the time comes that the Chapter is declared entirely independent of the Lodge, then let us call ourselves Royal Arch Carpenters, Tinkers, or anything else but Masons.

Under the head of Maryland we find the following, which we fully concur in, and adopt as a part of our argument on the transfer of the Council degrees:—

"We will not attempt a reply in detail. In the absence of a General Grand Chapter, the Grand Chapter of Maryland would be supreme as a law making and judicial power within its territorial jurisdiction; but when Maryland became a constituent of the General Grand Chapter she handed over her *independent* sovereignty to a power of her own creation, absolute in its authority to create law and exercise judicial functions; and therefore, we positively deny the right of any State body to exercise any prerogative not granted by the Supreme Body. The General Grand Chapter thought proper to enact the law in question, as it has laws that apply directly to constituent Chapters of State Jurisdictions, as well as those immediately under its own administration. We have never seen a denial of its authority to determine that nine members of a Chapter shall constitute a quorum; neither have we seen any legitimate dissent from that class of legislation that applies directly to the government of Chapters constituent to State Grand Chapters. It is not an argument against our conceptions of the powers of the General Grand Chapter, to say that this body has refrained from the exercise of very many prerogatives that it has thought advisable to continue with Grand Bodies. It may never have the courage to establish a ritual, but who will deny its authority in the premises? The General Grand Chapter is Supreme, or it is nothing as a governing power. It could not be a *Masonic power* except it is invested with *attributes* which lie at the foundation of fraternal government. It is quite true that it did, in 1859, relinquish certain inherent powers, but which, we hold, can be resumed if it so determines."

The M. E. SAMUEL W. WADDLE was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. GILBERT W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### INDIANA.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Indianapolis on the twenty-second day of October, 1879,—the M. E. MARTIN H. RICE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN M. BRAMWELL being Grand Secretary.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we extract the following, which coincides with our ideas of the true relation between Capitular and Craft Masonry:—

"Capitular Masonry is built upon, or is rather a continuation of Ancient Craft Masonry, and may be regarded as the link between the freemasonry of the prehistoric ages and the grand system that now encompasses the entire world.

"When the Temple of Solomon, which was erected by Divine Command in all its wondrous splendor, was destroyed by the victorious hosts of an invading army, many of those devoted craftsmen, who had labored so hard in its construction, fell victims to the slaughter, and a remnant of them that escaped the sword were carried away as captives into bondage. Inspired by the noble lessons taught them as they had wrought in the quarries of Zeredatha, and in the forests upon the mountains of Lebanon, during a long captivity of seventy years they remained true to themselves, true to their love and devotion to the precepts of their fathers, and to those fraternal

relations assumed at the building of the first temple. When, at last, their liberation from bondage was effected, they set out at once to return to the land of their fathers, to engage in the noble work of rebuilding their city and temple. To regain what they had lost animated them to heroic action that overcame every obstacle as they journeyed on their way, and, as they entered upon the work of removing the rubbish of the old temple to lay the foundations of the new, there were none among them who were not ready and willing to undertake any task, however difficult or dangerous, to carry forward the work in which they were engaged. By their perseverance, knowledge, industry and skill, they discovered and brought to light hidden treasures of incalculable value to the Craft, and by which the world has been benefited even to the present day."

He announces the death of Rev. Companion JOHN LEACH, Past Grand Chaplain, and pays a fitting tribute to his memory.

He arrested the charters of two delinquent Chapters, and recommends that stringent measures be adopted to bring seven other delinquent subordinates, who have made no returns and paid no dues for two years or more, to a realizing sense of the error of their way, and compliance with the regulations of the Grand Chapter. The Grand Chapter responded by ordering the arrest of their charters.

He had been called upon to answer the usual number of questions, but had made no decisions of sufficient importance to place upon record.

Under the head of Finances, he states that, after taking up the scrip issued last year, the Grand Chapter is able to meet its current expenses for the present year; but one-half the receipts have been from sources outside the regular annual revenue of the Grand Chapter. The present rate of dues from the subordinate Chapters, he says, does not more than half furnish a sufficient amount to meet the actual expenses of the Grand Chapter. There must either be a reduction of expenses or an increase of revenue. The expenses can only be materially lessened by reducing the per diem and mileage of members, and, judging from the experience of other Grand Bodies, he fears this proposition will meet with but small favor. He therefore recommends that the dues from subordinate Chapters be raised to such a sum as may be necessary to defray the annual expenses of the Grand Chapter. The suggestion was adopted, and the dues fixed at fifty cents *per capita*.

The loss of membership, sustained by suspensions for non-payment of dues, he does not regard as detrimental to the Chapters. Those who are not disposed to pay the trifling sum required of them, he regards as an element of weakness in any Chapter, and not worth retaining as members.

It has been the custom in this jurisdiction, for the Grand High Priest to prepare the Report on Correspondence; but, taking into consideration the financial condition of the Grand Chapter, he decided, as he says, much against his inclination, to omit the report this year. We trust that the increase of revenue will be sufficient to justify the preparation and publication of this valuable and instructive report hereafter.

The M. E. THOMAS B. LONG was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOHN M. BRANWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### IOWA.

This Grand Chapter held its twenty-sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Waterloo on the twenty-first day of October, 1879,—the M. E. ABEL W. DOUGHERTY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE being Grand Secretary. Fifty-nine chartered Chapters and one under dispensation were represented at the opening.

The Grand High Priest in his Address says:—

"The growth of our Order has for the past two years suffered, perhaps, to some extent, from the organization of many secret societies designed as institutions of assurance, guaranteeing benefits by issuing policies on the lives of their members, and it is not at all strange that many are naturally diverted from seeking admission into an Order founded purely upon faith in the 'Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man;' but as the strength of Masonry is not measured by numbers alone,

we need have no fears for the future growth of an Order whose principles are as enduring and as unchangeable as the oracles written by the finger of Jehovah, and transmitted by Him to Moses upon the summit of Mount Sinai. Having faith in God and the sublime principles of our Order, we will have strength in the future, as in the past, to overcome every obstacle, and, being bound together, as we are, by ties that can never be sundered, we shall be one people and one eternal brotherhood."

He makes the pleasing announcement that the past year has been one of uninterrupted peace and harmony among the Craft, and that no complaints of any kind had come to him. He sympathizes with New Jersey, in her loss of Comp. CORSON, Missouri, in the loss of Comp. LAMPTON, Ohio, in the loss of Comp. REX, Mississippi, in the loss of Comp. SCOTT, and with Florida in the loss of Comp. MORRILL; all Past Grand High Priests of their respective jurisdictions.

Dispensations were granted for three new Chapters, and a large number of those convenient documents, yclept Special Dispensations, were issued to Chapters to enable them to repair their negligence in failing to elect officers at the proper time, and also to receive and ballot upon petitions at times other than those prescribed by the By-Laws. In this connection, he says:—

"There is a growing tendency on the part of many Chapters to allow the time to pass which is provided by the Constitution to attend to this important matter. Promptness, companions, in the dispatch of business at the proper time, is the great law of success."

This is unmistakably true, and, in our opinion, nothing more thoroughly militates against promptitude in these matters than the facility with which special dispensations are often obtained. They are, at best, only instruments to evade the law, and their general and indiscriminate use is prolific of evil. The power to grant them is placed in the hands of the Grand High Priest, in order that, in cases of emergency only, which seldom arise, certain provisions of the *lex scripta* may be waived. This power, however, should be exercised with great care and discretion, and when this is done it will not be found that there is a growing tendency on the part of the Chapters to evade the law.

Under the head of Grand Representatives, we find the following:—

"At the last session of the Grand Chapter, the Committee on Foreign Correspondence by resolution was dispensed with, for good and sufficient reasons, and the duty of that committee was assigned to those holding credentials as Grand Representatives from sister Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter. Heretofore, the appointment of a Grand Representative seemed to have no other meaning than an honorary preferment, with no duties assigned; with the present arrangement, I am satisfied that the Grand Representative system will bind more closely the fraternal ties between sister Grand Chapters, and I trust the Grand Representatives have come prepared at this Convocation to report all matters of interest for the respective Grand Chapters they represent."

The result was a report by five Grand Representatives, reviewing the transactions of fifteen Grand Chapters, leaving some twenty-seven unheard from. A large majority of the Representatives made no report. What a pitiful falling off from the excellent reports which erstwhile greeted us annually with tidings of good cheer from the pens of PARVIN, LANGRIDGE, GUILBERT, TAYLOR, PILSBURY, ERKENBRACK, and others, who were wont to enlighten us upon Masonic affairs. We respectfully beg leave to retract our remarks of last year in favor of this system. We had not given the matter sufficient consideration. The idea at first struck us favorably as a means of utilizing the sinecurism of Grand Representatives. The theory is a good one, but from the specimen before us we are convinced that, practically, it will prove a grand failure. To write an intelligent and *useful* Report on Correspondence requires time, patience, thought, and experience; and although many possess the last three requisites, the first is at the disposal of but few. Many of the Grand Chapters are unrepresented near others, and some have not adopted the Representative system at all. The reports, therefore, under this system, must of necessity be meagre

and unsatisfactory. We trust our companions of Iowa will at once return to the old system, and we are satisfied that the *bob-tailed* specimen before us will induce them to cry enough of Grand Representatives' Reports!

A number of decisions were rendered, most of them growing out of the consolidation of the Council and Chapter degrees. We give those only which are of general interest:—

"When an objection to advancing a candidate is made by a member of the Chapter to the High Priest, can his successor in office advance the candidate after the High Priest to whom the objection was made has retired from office, and his successor has been installed?"

*Answer.*—No. An objection against a candidate made to the High Priest of a Chapter by a member is as binding on the incoming High Priest as it was on the one retiring from office; and if the High Priest has stated that there is an objection to the candidate, it becomes the property of the Chapter, and cannot be removed, except by another petition and ballot.

"Can a candidate withdraw his petition for membership which has been referred to a committee, but on which the committee has not reported?"

*Answer.*—No. A petition once referred to a committee becomes the property of the Chapter, and it is the duty of the committee to report and of the Chapter to act on the petition if the fee has been paid.

"Is any member of a Chapter eligible to the office of High Priest who has not been King or Scribe?"

*Answer.*—Any member of a Chapter is eligible to the office of High Priest without first having been elected King or Scribe.

"Can a Chapter receive and entertain a petition from a member of a Lodge which has had its charter reclaimed by the Grand Master?"

*Answer.*—Yes. Until such time as the Grand Lodge shall take action in the matter of the suspension of the charter, the members thereof stand in the same relation to the Chapter as if no suspension of its charter had been ordered, as the Grand Master by his action merely holds in abeyance the charter of the Lodge until the Grand Lodge meets and either confirms his action or restores the charter.

"Can the capitular degrees be conferred on a candidate who has lost a portion of his right hand, the thumb and forefinger only remaining?"

*Answer.*—It is my opinion that the loss of that part of the hand will not bar a candidate from receiving the degrees conferred in a Chapter. I hold that merely the loss of an eye, a finger, or any unimportant member of the body, shall be no bar to his admission into the Order. We are building a moral and spiritual building, not a material one; hence, it is not the outward perfections of a man so much as that he has the inward qualifications that recommend him to become a Mason.

"Should a Chapter return the fee of a candidate after having taken the first three degrees in a Chapter and objections are made to his advancing?"

*Answer.*—There is no constitutional regulation in regard to returning the fee of a candidate who has received part of the degrees in a Chapter, if objections are made to his advancing, and I am of the opinion that it is a matter entirely within the province of a Chapter to settle for itself whether they shall return the fee, or any part of it; but I think, in justice to the candidate, the fee, or a part of it, should be returned, unless the objection can be removed.

"In balloting for officers in a Chapter, should 'blanks' be counted as votes?"

*Answer.*—No. No vote in a Chapter for officers is legal except cast for a member, as *only members* are eligible to office."

The decisions are so nearly in accordance with the practice in this jurisdiction that comment is unnecessary.

The following report from the Committee on Jurisprudence, which was adopted, is an evidence that curtailed reports on Correspondence do not meet with general favor:—

"Your Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence beg leave to make a partial report:

"At the last convocation of this Grand Chapter the following recommendation of the Committee on Finance was adopted: 'That hereafter no reports on foreign correspondence be made or published, but that the Grand Representatives of the several jurisdictions near this Grand Chapter be requested to present, at each session, a short and concise report of the doings of the several Grand Chapters which they represent.'

"To the question whether this is constitutional or not, we reply, it is not, because it is in direct conflict with our constitution (see p. 7, Sec. XI.); and we recommend that all that portion of the report of the Committee on Finance relating to the reports on foreign correspondence, including the above (see p. 30 of the Transactions for 1878), be and is hereby rescinded and declared null and void.

"Your committee believe that something more should be published than the bare proceedings of our convocations. We consider it important to have a synopsis and review of what is going on in our sister Grand Chapters, and that it is mistaken policy to curtail that expense. All of the other Grand Chapters publish such reports, and we recommend a continuance of the same by our Grand Chapter.

"All of which is respectfully submitted.

R. F. BOWER,  
JOSEPH CHAPMAN,  
THOMAS W. J. LONG, } Committee.

Charters were granted to two Chapters under dispensation, and one was continued on probation on account of irregularity in its returns.

The next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter will be held at Des Moines, on the first Tuesday in October of the current year. The committee on Grievances report that a most gratifying state of harmony exists throughout the jurisdiction, and that this state is not the result of "apathy or indifference," but of "brotherly love and Masonic zeal." A state of apathy, however, appears to have existed in the case of one Chapter, as they had held no meeting and paid no dues for two years; their charter was arrested.

Comp. WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE, Grand Secretary, and Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Iowa, reviews the proceedings of California for 1879.

Our disapproval of the transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapter without the consent of the General Grand Chapter, seems to have stirred up the "old Adam" in him against that venerable Grand Body, and he thus frees his mind on the subject:—

"The Grand Secretary presented the report on correspondence, reviewing the circle, including Iowa for 1878 in a full and kindly notice. He does not approve of the transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapter before permission is had from the General Grand Chapter. This may be; but, judging from past lights, Iowa would survive if the General Grand Chapter should never be even heard of again, and Royal Arch Masonry, 'including the Council,' would be none the worse off. He claims that the Chapter might as well claim jurisdiction over the Red Cross degree, to which we have no objection, provided all the bodies working the Red Cross and the Chapters were willing. Indeed, the machinery of "working" Masonry is of the least consequence, and the only question of interest is, what is best to do with the multiplicity of degrees. If we could only bury several of them where they would never be heard of again, and so have more time to do justice by the rest, we would be much better off. As it is, if we cannot get rid of the degrees, we do get rid of one Grand Body, which is something gained."

We refer our excellent Companion to our review of Illinois upon this question.

"He approves of our plan of substituting for the report on correspondence this 'concise' plan by representatives. Like swallowing the Council, this is an experiment; and, while we hope it will be successful, we prefer to wait and see."

Well, the experiment has been tried, and proved to be a failure. In reviewing these proceedings *seriatim*, we had concluded our remarks upon this question before we discovered the report of the Committee on Jurisprudence and the final action of the Grand Chapter. We will, however, for the benefit of other Grand Chapters which have adopted this system, allow our comments to stand, only expressing our delight that the *statu quo ante* Grand Representative reports is again restored.

One more extract, and we have done. He says:—

"Companion CASWELL argues strongly in favor of making Chapter membership dependent on membership in the Blue Lodge. We regret that we cannot agree with him. If a companion prefers the Chapter, and for satisfactory reasons prefers not to belong to the Lodge, why not allow him his preference? Is it for the sake of his dues? the mere money consideration? A non-affiliate, in many jurisdictions, is deprived of all masonic privileges, except that of applying for membership. If, with this before him, he chooses to lay aside Lodge membership, and retain it in Chapter, why not allow him to do so? He may find the duties and expenses of one all he can fairly stand, and its advantages all he desires to retain—why not allow him to choose which it shall be? The boast of Masonry is its freedom. If he prefers to



lay aside all Lodge rights with Lodge burdens, and to retain those of the Chapter, why may he not?"

Our argument is that in the Lodge all the *real* work of Masonry is done; it is there that its charities are dispensed, the sick comforted, and the dead buried. To be a good and consistent Mason it is not necessary that a brother should be a member of a Chapter, but it is requisite that he be a member of some Lodge, that he may bear his fair share of the burdens incumbent upon all good Masons. These duties performed, he may with propriety turn his attention to the Chapter and to the pleasures to be derived from that connection. Let him first provide for the necessities of life before he aspires to the luxuries. The Mason who ignores his Lodge and clings to the Chapter is like the boy who, at dinner, shirks the corned beef and cabbage, that he may fill himself with the plum-puddings and confections of the dessert.

The *M. E.* ALMON R. DEWEY was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### KANSAS.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its fifteenth Annual Convocation in the city of Leavenworth on the fourteenth day of October, 1879,—the *M. E.* DANIEL W. COXE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN H. BROWN being Grand Secretary.

The pamphlet containing the proceedings is embellished with a fine wood cut of the monument, jointly erected by the Grand Chapter and the Grand Lodge to the memory of Comp. RICHARD H. REES, Past Grand High Priest and Past Grand Master. The monument is a credit to the Grand Bodies which erected it, and to Comp. ERASMUS T. CARR, the designer, present Grand High Priest, and whilom Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter.

Thirty-one of the forty-one subordinate Chapters were represented at the opening.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a paper of exceptional merit, and deserves more than a passing notice. We would that all might read and heed the wise teachings and sound moral precepts it contains. He gives a flattering account of the present harmony, zeal, and prosperity of the Craft in that jurisdiction, and predicts a continuation of these blessings in the future. Several subordinate Chapters have been relieved of temporary embarrassments, and resumed their suspended labors, and the resuscitation of four moribund Chapters is made the subject of special congratulation.

There are many good things in this excellent Address which we would be glad to copy, did space permit; but the following extract must suffice as a specimen of the whole. Under the head of "Inner Truths of Capitular Masonry," he says:—

"In the art gallery in the city of Dresden there is a small chamber in which reposes the world-renowned Sistine Madonna. All who look upon its striking beauty with an artist's eye are filled with inexpressible delight. Their very soul is pervaded with a subtle sense of grandeur and sublimity. This peculiar influence arises from the fact that, as you gaze intently upon the remarkable picture before you, its *internal*, as well as *external* beauty, casts a radiancy of glory upon the inner consciousness. In the background, behind the Mother and Child, are innumerable blissful faces, gazing with enraptured delight toward an ineffable, but unseen Holy. It seems to me that there will be something of this same 'enraptured delight' in the soul of the intelligent Mason who reverently contemplates the real meaning of the expressive symbols of our Royal Craft. His attention—the eyes of his soul—will be fixed upon their *interior* as well as their *exterior* beauty and truth; and the interior beauty of the sublime truths which his mind perceives, like the blissful faces of the cherubs in this famous picture, points his thoughts directly toward the unseen Holy of God's presence, power and love. He will be impressively reminded of the Shekinah whose effulgence shone in brilliant splendor from the mercy seat, between the overshadowing cherubim, when the glory of the Lord filled the Lord's house.

"Thus a knowledge of the interior beauty and truth, which the symbols of our Royal Craft contain, will develop in us a more profound and fitting regard for that

God whom we, as Masons, are taught to reverence and serve; and, by leading the mind to the contemplation of the *spiritual* realities of our existence, it will induce us to aspire after the higher life which these realities set before us. By this two-fold influence we will be effectually preserved from that debasing error which has a marked tendency to reduce everything to bald materialism and to deny the existence of God. No true Mason can be a materialist; nor can he deny the existence of God without completely subverting the entire foundation and destroying the symmetrical superstructure of Masonry. As long, therefore, as he adheres to the internal teachings of his profession which relate to this subject, he must continue to *put his trust in God, and believe in the immortality of the soul.*"

He pays an eloquent tribute to the memories of Companions ANDREW J. WHEELER and THOMAS J. CORSON; Comp. WHEELER having been Representative of the Grand Chapter of Kansas near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, and was stricken down by yellow fever, September 7, 1878.

He granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, and several specials for sundry purposes.

Having removed from the jurisdiction during his term of office, he appears to be in some doubt as to the legality or expediency of one of his official acts—the granting of a special dispensation to a subordinate Chapter to hold an election and installation of officers—the application for which, he rightly concludes, should have been referred to the Deputy Grand High Priest for his action. He then proceeds with a lengthy argument upon the question. "Does a removal from the jurisdiction vacate the office of the Grand High Priest?"

There is a conflict of authority upon this point, and the practice is different in different jurisdictions. In California, a permanent removal from the jurisdiction vacates the office.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the question was referred, showed a disposition to get rid of the matter in the easiest possible manner by making a non-committal report, to the effect that, as no harm had been done, and all the duties appertaining to the office had been satisfactorily performed by the Deputy Grand High Priest, and as the Grand High Priest had temporarily returned to the jurisdiction and presided over the Grand Chapter without disturbing its harmony, and with the consent, if not at the request of the Deputy Grand High Priest, they "deemed it inexpedient to express an opinion."

A number of decisions were rendered, from which we select the following:—

"A Royal Arch Mason who is in arrears for dues is not eligible to office, nor entitled to vote until his dues are paid."

This decision, a correct one in our opinion, was reported against by the Committee on Jurisprudence, and overruled by the Grand Chapter.

"The mere payment of dues, by a companion suspended for non-payment of the same, does not, *ipso facto*, reinstate him. He must first pay all dues against him up to the time of his suspension, and then petition the Chapter for his restoration; and a vote of two-thirds of the members present is necessary to effect his restoration."

With us the payment of his dues, not only up to the time of his suspension, but also the amount which would have accrued against him had he not been suspended, restores him to membership without further ceremony.

"An objection made privately to the High Priest stops the further advance of a candidate until the objection is lawfully removed."

This decision the Committee on Jurisprudence also reported against, but it was sustained by the Grand Chapter. The decision is not sufficiently explicit to be clear to our apprehension. If the Grand High Priest means that an objection made privately, after election, but before initiation of a candidate operates as a bar to his progress, we concur in his views; but if he means that, after one or more degrees have been conferred, a private objection made to the High Priest is sufficient to prevent the advancement of a brother, we say no! Such a rule is unjust to the candidate, who has acquired rights which the Chapter is bound to respect, and the validity of

the objection should be passed upon by the body itself, and not left to the unsupported judgment of the High Priest.

The Deputy Grand High Priest submitted an account of his official acts, which are mostly of local interest only, except the following decision, which we deem of too much importance to pass lightly by:—

"The High Priest of *Washington Chapter, No. 1*, wrote me under date June 18, 1879, stating that in order to transact some important business in his Chapter, he had directed the Secretary to summon the companions to attend at a regular Convocation. Very few of the companions responded. Before further action in the matter he forwarded me a copy of the summons and asks if it is a correct summons, and if so, is there sufficient grounds on which to prefer charges for not obeying?

"Has not the High Priest authority to summons at pleasure?

"I replied, that in the absence of any law of our own on the subject we must be governed by the general laws of Masonry. If there be no other law, we are bound by our O. B. to obey, etc. I decided that any form of summons, either verbal or written, is a legal summons, and a refusal to obey such summons is sufficient cause on which to prefer charges. The High Priest of a Chapter has the right to summons the members to attend any Convocation, when in his judgment the interests of the Chapter require it."

A summons is the most important, as well as the most formidable of Masonic documents, and the penalty for its disobedience is Masonic death; *i. e.*, expulsion. It should not, therefore, be issued except for good and sufficient reasons, and when issued, it should be done with all the formality necessary to give it the proper effect. In the above case, the High Priest directed the Secretary to summons the companions to attend a regular Convocation of the Chapter. This the Secretary could not lawfully do, as no power is vested in him to summon a member; he could only notify him to appear, to which notification he might or might not pay attention; but a summons, to be effective, must be signed by the High Priest himself, and should be attested by the Secretary, and bear the seal of the Chapter; and when practicable, should be delivered to the party addressed in person by the Tyler or some other member of the Chapter designated by the High Priest for that purpose. The document should state clearly the object for which the party is summoned, and the time and place of his appearance. Such a summons there is no evading without incurring the penalty prescribed, unless a satisfactory excuse is given.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$693 82.

The standing regulation, making previous service in the office of King or Scribe necessary to qualify a companion for the office was—as we believe wisely—repealed.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. JOHN M. PRICE, reviews the transactions of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, and, as a first attempt, may be voted a success. California for 1879, is briefly but favorably noticed. He quotes, with approval, several decisions of Comp. BROWN, and portions of our report on Canada and Mississippi. Kansas, he says, was among the missing, and we can assure our Companion we deeply regretted the fact.

Under the head of Canada he quotes the following:—

"Some brethren appear to have a holy horror at the idea of sitting in a Chapter with a Mason suspended by his Lodge, as if there were contamination in the very air of the room while he was there. We do not see anything so very terrible about it."

Whereupon he remarks:—

"We're sorry. There may be no 'contamination in the very air of the room,' but unless there is a radical difference between Masonic obligations in Canada and those which obtain in the United States, the Companion who doesn't see anything wrong about it, is very nearly contaminated. We shall expect to hear next that the Grand Chapter of Canada has declared that the possession of the degrees of Craft Masonry are not a prerequisite for admission to the Chapter."

In his review of Illinois he hits the nail squarely on the head in the following:—

"We think there is neither *servility* nor a *self-imposed anomaly* in the connection between Ancient Craft and Capitular Masonry. We have been taught, and we

believe correctly, that the Chapter degrees are the completion and perfection of Craft Masonry, and it seems to us to be a self-evident proposition that to abandon that part of the esoteric work of the Lodge which connects the Chapter with it, would strip it of all claim to be considered a Masonic body. In fact after abandoning 'that part of Craft Masonry,' we can't for the life of us see what remains. If there is no relationship between the Lodge and Chapter, what possible connection can exist between the Chapter and the Council? To be consistent, Companion GURNEY should also advocate the cutting loose of all connection between the Chapter and Council, and have the latter set up an independent existence by abandoning that part of the esoteric work which connects it with the Chapter."

He is no advocate of the transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapter, as witness the following under the head of Maryland :—

"It is urged that to preserve these 'beautiful and instructive degrees,' they should be transferred to the Chapter. That they are both beautiful and instructive no one who has received them will deny, but we would like to know how much of the beauty could be preserved when the conferring of both degrees '*did not consume over thirty minutes.*' We are surprised that they did not manage it in fifteen minutes. The work would have been done quite as well. If the Cryptic degrees are worth preserving at all, it is as working degrees, without abbreviation or mutilation. The communicating of a few extra words, signs and grips, do not, in our estimation, constitute the degree. How much of an impression would the Master's degree make upon the average candidate if it consisted only of a bare recital of facts or traditions? Eliminate from the Royal Arch all except the monitorial lecture, the signs and words, and what would it amount to? No, if the impressive lessons are lost, let the words and signs go with them. There are enough of them, any way."

The M. E. ERASMUS T. CARR was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOHN H. BROWN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### KENTUCKY.

This Grand Chapter held its sixty-third Annual Convocation in the City of Louisville on the twenty-first day of October, 1878,—the M. E. JAMES M. BLUE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOSEPH H. BRANHAM being Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, announces that the past year has been a quiet one, nothing having occurred to mar the tranquillity of the Order, which, as far as he could learn, was in a prosperous condition.

He denounces drones in the Masonic hive, as follows :—

"Permit me to say a few words in regard to that class of companions who are so aptly termed drones in the Masonic hive. They do not work, neither should they eat. They never attend the Chapter meetings except upon special occasions, and never think of paying dues, or contributing one cent toward the support of the Chapter—not even paying Grand Chapter dues—and yet they claim all the rights and privileges of those companions who support and maintain the Chapters. They are the greatest drawback and hinderance to Capitular Masonry that could befall it, producing a want of efficiency and exertion on the part of the younger members. It is a crying evil that should be removed, and that right speedily. Let them be cited to appear before the Chapter to show cause why they should not be suspended for the non-payment of dues. If a good and sufficient reason is not given, suspend them."

He called attention to the lack of uniformity in the work, and advised the appointment of a Grand Lecturer. The Grand Chapter heeded the advice, and authorized the Grand High Priest to appoint such an officer; also to appoint District Lecturers in each Congressional District.

He decides that a member cannot belong to a Chapter whilst resting under suspension from the Masters' Lodge. That a candidate must petition the Chapter nearest his place of residence, and defined residence to mean where, if single, he was to be found when off duty, and if married the place where his family resides. That Chapters U. D. had no right, having conferred the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master's degrees upon a candidate, to send him to another Chapter to receive the Royal Arch Degree; the object in granting the dispensation being to test the ability of the new Chapter to confer the degrees properly. He arrested the

charters of eight subordinate Chapters for failing to comply with that provision of the Constitution requiring Chapters to be represented in the Grand Chapter at least once in three years, or forfeit its charter. In corresponding with the members of one of these torpid Chapters, he could find no one willing to take charge of its effects and close up its affairs, and he was forced to the conclusion "that they were a portion of the tribe that had been slain at the destruction of the temple, or had been captured, and had become too old and infirm to return, under the proclamation, to assist in building the second."

The committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation on the consolidation of the Council and Chapter degrees, reported that in their opinion, under the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, no other degrees than Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch, could be worked in the Chapter. They, however, proposed a plan by which the consolidation might be accomplished, in case the General Grand Chapter at its next Triennial Convocation should so amend its Constitution as to permit the transfer of the Council degrees; which plan is similar to that adopted in Illinois.

In accordance with the recommendation of the Grand High Priest, the sum of two hundred dollars was appropriated to continue the work of reprinting the proceedings of the Grand Chapter from its organization.

Rule twenty-five, for the government of subordinate Chapters, was amended so as to read: "No petition for the degrees in a subordinate Chapter shall be received from one who is not at the time an affiliated Master Mason."

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, from the able pen of Comp. H. A. M. HENDERSON. In his exordium, he says:—

"The very word 'Companion' carries with it a weight and world of fraternal suggestion. Men whom we never saw, we love as brothers, having been introduced simply through the Chapter correspondence. We have made a photograph of all our companion reporters, and the hall of our heart is a picture gallery, from whose crimson walls look down familiar faces—made so by our habit of often turning an introspective gaze upon the ideal portraits our own fancy has painted. It helps the heart to perform the duties now incumbent upon us. Our task teaches that we are members of a broad brotherhood breathing in a common atmosphere—sun-lighted and pure. No deadly miasm of hate taints the air that reddens the blood of our brotherhood."

California for 1878 receives fraternal notice, and portions of Comp. KNAPP's Address are approvingly quoted. Under the head of Iowa, he comes down *flat-footed* on the question of "Negro Masonry." We have heard a good many arguments adduced why a Negro should not be made a Mason, but the one that he cannot "put his heel in the hollow of his foot" is new to us. Comp. HENDERSON says:—

"We are not aware that Masonry has any principle or canon precluding Negroes. They are not entitled, by reason or race, to admission. Every Mason has the right to exclude any candidate by casting a black ball. In the South race prejudice exists and will. White and colored people will not unite in social bonds. Both races are adverse to it. In every Lodge there will be some one to cast the forbidding ball. The object of Masonry is not to establish a universal brotherhood in the literal and widest meaning of that term, but a fraternity of congenial spirits. Masonry implies intelligence. The Fellow Craft degree, specifically, is intended to promote the study of the natural sciences. Geometry is often referred to. It is not supposed that any ignoramus can enter our sacred retreats. Not one Negro in one thousand has the mental qualifications to make a Mason. Few of them have the physical qualification. How can one put his heel in the hollow of his foot? The vast majority are not free born. Who can tell who among them are legitimate? As long as admission to Masonry depends upon the unmixed white ballot not many colored men will get into our Lodges—and certainly, none in the South—during the lifetime of this generation. It is useless to rave philanthropy against this state of things. It is of the same character that manifests itself against the Indians and Chinese. The Southern people are kind to the Negroes, and will be, but Southern Masons are not prepared to open our Lodges to their admission. We opine, too, that very few Lodges in the North have Negro members, or will have soon."

We take great pleasure in announcing that Comp. HENDERSON has permanently left the blue grass region to take up his residence in the land of gold. We rejoice, not that Kentucky has sustained so great a loss, for that would be unfraternal, but we do feel a comfortable degree of resignation in contemplating her loss when we know it will be our gain. Comp. HENDERSON, as a Masonic writer, has achieved an enviable and well merited reputation, and his Reports on Correspondence are read with avidity, and highly appreciated by the Craft "wherever dispersed." We have had the pleasure of meeting our distinguished companion but once, and that only for a few moments, but we trust our acquaintance will speedily become more intimate. We extend to him a right hearty and fraternal greeting to our Western shores, and trust that in his residence here he may have no cause to regret the home he has left behind, aside from that naturally arising from the severance of long-cherished associations.

The M. E. G. D. BUCKNER was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOSEPH H. BRANHAM was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### LOUISIANA.

The thirty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of New Orleans on the eleventh day of February, 1879,—the M. E. WILLIAM ROBSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES C. BATCHELOR being Grand Secretary. Seventeen subordinate Chapters were represented. The Grand High Priest, in his Address, gives thanks to the Great I Am that the pestilence which has been walking in darkness has passed them by, and that the "merciless reaper," before whom hundreds of their companions in other jurisdictions had fallen, had left their numbers intact. Of the state of the Order, he speaks somewhat sadly, but not despondingly, as follows:—

"I am sorry, companions, that I cannot speak to you as cheerfully as I could desire to do on topics which, while not directly associated with the interests of Masonry, do, most certainly, indirectly and greatly affect those interests. Temporal adversities still press heavily upon the people of Louisiana; commercial, agricultural and financial trials and embarrassments still try the patience and depress the energies of our people, and hope, so long deferred, has made sick the hearts of many. It is not to be wondered at, that under these circumstances, all the higher institutions of civilization, those that affect the educational and religious condition of the people, should languish for the want of that material support which an impoverished people are not able to give; or that Masonry should share with these in the injurious effects of such a state of affairs. Still it is my happiness to congratulate you on the signs which are evident, that Masonry is in as healthful a condition now as it has been at any time for years past among us. If we do not progress rapidly, we certainly do not retrograde. And tokens are not wanting of the earnestness and zeal with which many of our subordinate Chapters labor to promote the good of the Order, nor of the measure of success which attends their labors."

The Committee on Correspondence reported verbally that they had prepared a report, but owing to the straightened pecuniary circumstances of the Grand Chapter, it was ordered not to be printed. We trust that the financial difficulties of our companions of Louisiana will soon be surmounted, and that they will again send forth their able Reports on Correspondence as of yore.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, with heartfelt emotion, recognizes the magnificent outburst of spontaneous and unsolicited charity bestowed upon our Order and upon our countrymen, by our brethren and the people generally of the Northern States and foreign countries, and returns sincere and grateful acknowledgment for the same."

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances reported that no business had been laid before them for consideration.

The Committee on Finances report that the possible receipts of the Grand Chapter for the present Convocation would not more than suffice to pay the mileage and *per diem* of the members, leaving nothing for the outstanding indebtedness to

the Grand Secretary, Grand Lecturer, and others, and in view of the impoverished state of the treasury, the expenses should be reduced to the lowest possible figure. We call the attention of our Louisiana companions to the old adage, "it is always darkest just before day," and bid them be of good cheer. They have struggled bravely on through difficulties and obstacles calculated to depress the strongest hearts, and "verily, they will have their reward."

The Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, and many of the companions donated their mileage and *per diem* to the Grand Chapter; the portion of the Grand High Priest amounting to \$89.00. This shows an unflagging zeal in the welfare of the Order which is certain to end in success.

The M. E. WILLIAM S. BENEDICT was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JAMES C. BATCHELOR was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of Maine held its fifty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Portland on the sixth day of May, 1879,—the M. E. ARLINGTON B. MARSTON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. IRA BERRY being Grand Secretary. All the Grand Officers were present, and forty-two out of forty-three subordinate Chapters were represented. The Convocation was also attended by nine Past Grand High Priests, two Past Deputy Grand High Priests, four past Grand Kings, and two Past Grand Scribes.

The Grand High Priest once more congratulates his companions upon the fact that death has made no vacancy in their ranks; that "the mystic chain is still unbroken and every link is in its place, bright with love of our noble Order." He states that "the meeting of the Grand Officers at Bath, for the purpose of securing among themselves perfect uniformity in the work and lectures of the several degrees," was attended by all save one, and "the revision gave gratifying assurance that the subordinate Chapters in the six districts would receive, practically, the same instructions." A case of sharp practice is related by which an objectionable person was elected to receive the degrees in one of the subordinate Chapters. A companion, knowing that the petition which had once before been rejected, was to be acted upon that evening, went to the hall a little before half-past seven o'clock P.M., the usual hour of meeting. The Chapter was at work, but soon after closed, and a Lodge of Past Masters opened. He inquired what had been done with the petition referred to, and was quietly informed that a convocation had been called at four o'clock in the afternoon, at which the candidate had been elected, and the Mark Masters degree conferred upon him. The disgusted companion then immediately objected to the advancement of the candidate, and gave his reasons therefor. "The High Priest put the question in a *Lodge of Past Masters*, whether the Chapter should proceed to confer the degrees, and it was voted to proceed. Recourse was then had to the Grand High Priest, who decided that the action of the Chapter was irregular and directed a stay of the proceedings. Upon examining the by-laws of the Chapter, however, he discovered that they provided that the stated Convocations should be called at such an hour of a certain day, as the Chapter or High Priest should determine. He then directed the Chapter to proceed legally upon the objection, notifying each member, &c., and, to prevent any future tricks of the kind, he suggested that a standing regulation be adopted, "requiring all the Chapters to specify in their by-laws the *hour* as well as the date at which their stated Convocations shall be holden." The Grand Chapter saw the point, and the regulation was adopted.

From the reports of the several Grand Officers, we judge that the craft in Maine is in a tolerably flourishing condition.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, says:—

"The present year completes a quarter of a century since the records of the Grand Chapter were placed in my charge. At that time there were eight Chapters in the

jurisdiction; there are now forty-three chartered Chapters and one under dispensation; the number of members was then four hundred and is now more than four thousand; while the Charity Fund, which was a little over five hundred dollars, at present amounts to upwards of four thousand."

A very good showing for a quarter century's growth.

Comp. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND again presents the Report on Correspondence, in which he was assisted by Comp. JOHN S. DERRY, an able coadjutor. We need scarcely say that the report is full and complete, every Grand Chapter in correspondence, forty-six in number, receiving fraternal attention. In his review of our proceedings for 1879, he says of our Grand High Priest, (Comp. BROWNE):—

"He also advised the Grand Chapter to adopt the resolution of Pennsylvania, in relation to Masons suspended for non-payment of dues by Lodge or Chapter, concerning which we may have something to say when we come to the review of that Grand Chapter. Of course a Grand Chapter has the power to forbid the admission of any class of visitors; but we doubt the masonic right to exclude as visitors any Royal Arch Masons in good standing in their own jurisdiction, unless amenable to some special personal objection. In this, and some other jurisdictions, the penalty for non-payment of dues is suspension from, or deprivation of, membership. This is based upon the old law, that Lodge membership conferred only the additional rights growing out of the Lodge organization, and that without it a Mason enjoyed all the rights growing out of having been made a Mason. We believe this to be the true doctrine, and, therefore, that an unaffiliated Master Mason (no matter how he became unaffiliated) may be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing. While the Pennsylvania resolutions do not go so far, the Grand Chapter of California decided that 'membership in a Lodge is indispensable to membership in a Chapter.'"

Comp. DRUMMOND, evidently, is under a misapprehension of the idea entertained by our Grand High Priest, and of the action had by our Grand Chapter in this matter. It has not decided that "membership in a Lodge is indispensable to membership in a Chapter." Under our Constitution, an applicant for the Chapter degrees must be a "Master Mason in good standing." It does not require that he shall be an actual member of some Lodge. A Master Mason may be in good standing and not be a member of any Lodge. He may have regularly withdrawn from the Lodge of which he was a member, and, under the Constitution of our Grand Lodge, he remains in good standing for six months thereafter, during which time he may apply for and obtain admission to the Chapter. At the expiration of the six months, however, he must either present his petition to some Lodge for affiliation or subscribe to the funds of some Lodge a sum equivalent to its monthly dues during all the time of his residence within its jurisdiction unaffiliated. Should he present his petition for affiliation, and be rejected, he has done all in his power to comply with the law, and another six months' grace is granted him; and thus, by one of those inconsistencies which will sometimes exist in the most carefully framed statutes, a Mason who desires to shirk his duties as such, may send his petition for affiliation to some Lodge at the expiration of every six months, quietly induce a friend to deposit a black ball, and remain a Mason in good standing to the end of his days without ever paying one dollar to the Lodge, bearing any proportion of its burdens, or performing any of the duties connected with it; yet such a Mason, (one only in name,) might be lawfully a member of a Chapter. A Mason may remain in good standing, and good repute also, without becoming a member of any Lodge, by paying into its treasury every six months an amount equivalent to its monthly dues. The intent of the law is, that Master Masons shall do their duties as such, in order to enjoy the privileges to be derived from the connection.

The remarks of the Grand High Priest and the action of our Grand Chapter are simply directed against those who are suspended, expelled, or who, in other jurisdictions, are stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues, which we consider equivalent to suspension.

In noticing our report of last year, Comp. DRUMMOND says: "The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL. He had failed to receive



the proceedings of eleven Grand Chapters. It is his first report, but he well sustains the merited reputation of his Grand Chapter in this regard."

We are grateful to Comp. DRUMMOND for his kind and encouraging appreciation of our report; but we cannot claim inexperience in extenuation of whatever faults he might have been pleased to discover. If the companion will search the earlier records of this Grand Chapter, he will find that we were long since initiated into the mysteries of the reporters' guild.

The following, concerning the "Hand-Book of the Chapter" published by us in 1878, we copy with many thanks :—

"Grand Lecturer (also Grand Secretary) THOMAS H. CAWELL, had prepared a "Hand-Book of the Chapter," of which the Grand High Priest speaks in high terms. The Grand Chapter endorsed his views and adopted it as the standard Text Book. Your Chairman has been favored with a copy of it, and fully concurs in all that the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter say of it."

Relative to our rule requiring petitioners for a Dispensation to form a new Chapter to present their dimit with the petition, he says :—

"We do not like this, for if the dispensation or charter is refused the petitioners are 'out in the cold.' We prefer the plan of suspending the membership of the petitioners during the continuance of the dispensation, and of requiring the filing of the dimit only when the charter issues. This saves the rights of all parties, and seems to us perfectly safe."

We believe, notwithstanding the dissent of our distinguished companion, that our own rule is the better one. Under the system which he approves, the signatures of companions are frequently obtained,—merely to fill the requisite number,—who have no intention of uniting with the new Chapter if, ultimately, it receives a charter. The dispensation is granted, a sufficient number of brethren initiated to make a fair showing, and a charter is granted, while a majority, perhaps, of the petitioners for the dispensation remain members of their original Chapters. In this way many weak and sickly Chapters are born which ought never to have been called into existence. When there is really a necessity for the formation of a new Chapter, the companions who desire to compose it, under our rule, will weigh well the conditions, and take reasonable measures to ascertain whether a dispensation, if asked for, will be granted; and companions who *dimit* from their Chapters, in order to form a new one, mean business, and do not intend to fail through any lack of energy or foresight on their part; and Chapters formed under such auspices seldom fail of success. As to their being "left out in the cold" should a charter not be granted, it is but little trouble to open the door and take them in where the fire, burning brightly upon the altar, send forth their genial warmth.

He concurs in our remarks, under the head of Maryland, relative to opening Lodges of the appendant degrees in the bosom of the Chapter, etc., upon which he says :—

"His position as Grand Lecturer adds force (if possible) to the following, and, as strong as the last half of the closing sentence is, we believe *every word* of it is true.

"Our investigations show that this is equally true of the *Lodge* as of the *Chapter*; and we trust that the tedious and awkward *innovation*, referred to by him, will be abandoned."

Again he says :—

"He holds that a Chapter cannot legally lay an assessment, as such; we must differ from him in this: if a Chapter is in debt for its ordinary expenses, all the members are holden as partners for its payment, and we hold that under the civil law and the Masonic law both, an assessment may be levied to pay this debt, and that no member is entitled to a dimit until his assessment is paid: we have had occasion to look into this, and are satisfied, beyond question, that the civil law liability alone authorizes the assessment, as certainly the *masonic* law will not excuse a man from liability on a debt which, under the civil law, he honestly owes, or allow him, by calling for a dimit, to throw it upon his associates. Of course, we agree with him that assessments for any other purpose, than to pay debts or make up a deficiency in the ordinary and necessary expenses, are not valid."

There is no point of difference between us; our remarks, perhaps, were not so explicit as they might have been, but were only intended to apply to matters foreign to the necessary and *legitimate* expenses of the Chapter.

Under the head of Canada we find the following, which meets our views exactly. In his last report, Comp. DRUMMOND asked this question of Comp. ROBERTSON: "Can one who is not a Master Mason be a Royal Arch Mason?" and Comp. R.'s reply is given. To this Comp. DRUMMOND rejoins:—

"He *replies*, but does not *answer our question*.

"It is not whether a non-affiliated Mason is in good standing; it is not whether the members of the Chapter are not as well qualified to try an accused as his Lodge; but it is whether an expelled Mason—one no longer a Master Mason in any sense of the term—*can be* a Royal Arch Mason. When a *part equals the whole*, he may be—and *not till then*. We perceive that he is defending the express provisions of the Constitution of his Grand Chapter; but we believe that no case has ever happened in which a Chapter or the Grand Chapter has ever reversed the decision of the Grand Lodge and venture to declare an expelled Master Mason to be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, and, what is more, we don't believe *the case ever will happen*. The Chapter degrees do not *alone* make a man a Royal Arch Mason: it takes *all seven degrees*; and no man is a Royal Arch Mason who does not possess and *cannot lawfully use* all the degrees, from Entered Apprentice to Royal Arch, inclusive. It is true that it seems a hardship, that a Companion may lose his Chapter rights by action of his Lodge. But such is the nature of the Institution, and arises from building on degrees over which we have no control. If we build upon the foundation of another, over which we have no control, we must not complain if he removes it and tumbles down our house without our consent. It is no real hardship, for we understood the situation when we built, and we accepted the consequences. We must still ask our esteemed Companion, 'Can one, who is not a Master Mason, be a Royal Arch Mason?'"

Many more extracts we desire to make, but time and space forbid.

The M. E. JOSEPH M. HAYES was elected Grand High Priest and Comp. IRA BERRY commences on the twenty-sixth year of his service as Grand Secretary.

#### MARYLAND.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the city of Baltimore on the eleventh day of November, 1879,—the M. E. EDWIN L. PARKER, Jr., Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE L. McCAHAN being Grand Secretary, *ad interim*. Ten subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, announces the death of Comp. ENOCH S. COURTNEY, Past Grand High Priest, which occurred in Philadelphia Feb. 17th, 1879; also the death of Comp. A. J. WHEELER, Grand Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland near that of Tennessee, and appropriate tributes to their memories are paid.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. WILLIAM A. WENTZ, having permanently removed from the jurisdiction, Comp. GEORGE L. McCAHAN was appointed to fill the vacancy *ad interim*. In announcing the removal of the Grand Secretary he pays the following graceful and well-merited compliment to that officer:—

"I cannot allow this opportunity to pass without expressing the deep regret which I experience, and which, I have no doubt, is shared by all of you, in the severance of the ties which for so many years have harmoniously existed between Companion WENTZ and this Grand Chapter. His zeal and fidelity in the discharge of his duties were well known to you, and were only excelled by his unassuming deportment and manly honor. I trust that his new home may prove a source of unalloyed pleasure and happiness, and I cordially commend him to the kind offices of our companions in Chicago."

A Representative was appointed near the Grand Chapter of Delaware, and also near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Comp. WHEELER.

He announces that "harmony is apparent in all the Chapters, and they are doing as well as could reasonably be expected, considering the heretofore general depression of business."

Relative to the valuable discoveries made in the ruins of the old Temple, by which the date of the formation of the Grand Chapter was clearly established as of June 24th, A. D. 1797, he says :—

"It is now a source of great gratification and pleasure on my part to announce to you that whilst Past Grand High Priest ACHRY, with that zeal and energy which characterizes all his actions, was working in the ruins in search of ancient lore, he came to what at first appeared to be an old and worthless frame in which was a piece of parchment, and on it several characters nearly effaced by time, and, as in duty bound, he forthwith proceeded to the Grand Council and presented it for their inspection.

"That piece of parchment, companions, contains the corroborative evidence of the formation of the Grand Chapter of Maryland. In consideration of its historical value, I have caused its antique appearance to be preserved; also its illegible characters to be deciphered, and a printed copy made of the same, which I have had placed in a suitable frame side by side with the original."

A copy of the document is given, signed by PHILIP P. ECKEL, Grand High Priest, ALEX. McCORMICK, Deputy Grand High Priest, PETER GALT, Grand King, and SAMUEL HART, Grand Scribe. It is dated *Anno Templi*, 2797. We congratulate our companions of Maryland upon this interesting discovery.

He gives a synopsis of the receipts and expenditures of the past three years, by which it appears that the latter have exceeded the former in the sum of \$550.99; in view of this fact he says :—

"I therefore recommend the re-enactment of the original section making the dues one dollar for each member instead of seventy-five cents as at present. This sum has heretofore been paid by the subordinate Chapters without impairing their efficiency, or bankrupting their treasuries, and with the dawn of brighter and more brilliant prospects which are now happily discernible all over the land, I see no good reason for delaying that which sooner or later must prove inevitable, but as wise and prudent builders, let us strengthen our foundation, lest our tabernacle decay and fall."

The Committee to whom the subject was referred, reported against the increase, but proposed no remedy for the difficulty, and whether the report was adopted or not, is not apparent.

We recommend to our companions of Maryland a calculation *a la* Micawber, as follows :—

\* Dues *per capita*, \$1.00. Result, financial prosperity.

Dues *per capita*, .75. Result, bankruptcy.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. E. T. SCHULTZ. He had succeeded in obtaining the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters save Missouri, Minnesota, and Vermont.

He does not appear to relish our rule requiring visitors to declare that they have not been suspended, expelled, or stricken from the roll for any cause whatever, and he thus frees his mind in that connection :—

"According to which a companion may be in good standing in his own, and such other jurisdictions whose regulations do not regard suspension for non-payment of dues by the Lodge, as affecting his *status* in the Chapter, yet, if he desired to visit a Chapter in California or Pennsylvania, he will find the door of the Chapter closed against him. We had supposed that a Mason in good standing in his own jurisdiction, and having a certificate to that effect, would be so regarded the world over; we consider this legislation clearly unmasonic."

We admire the "*flippancy*" with which our companion characterizes as *unmasonic*, "*what we consider matters of vital importance.*" The Grand Orient of France has declared a belief in God to be unnecessary to qualify a man to be made a Mason, and our Grand Lodges have, in consequence, issued an edict of non-intercourse with them. Would a Mason hailing from that obedience be received in the Lodges in Maryland? In their own jurisdiction they are Masons in good standing, and, doubtless, "have certificates to that effect;" yet, in this God-fearing land, they are not recognized as such. The *unmasonic* argument would apply equally well to this case.

With reference to some of our remarks in our last report, touching the old landmarks, he thus discourses:—

"We expressed regret last year that so many companions appear disposed to set aside well-defined landmarks and ancient usages, because they could see no necessity for the requirement of them at this day; and now comes Companion CASWELL, who favors the setting aside of *some of the old landmarks*, because 'general good' has resulted therefrom. We are somewhat surprised that Companion CASWELL should speak in this flippant manner upon, what we consider, matters of vital importance, especially in view of his remarks under review of Mississippi, criticising the action of that Grand Chapter for declining to extend fraternal recognition to the Grand Chapter of Quebec."

In our Reports on Correspondence we propose to discuss candidly, courteously, and without *flippancy*, such questions as may appear to be of interest to the Craft. Our honest convictions we shall express without fear or favor, and regardless of the "flippant" criticisms of any of our correspondents. The recognition of the Grand Chapter of Quebec has nothing in common with the subject referred to and bears no affinity to it. The recognized *landmarks* of Masonry, and the *laws and usages* of the Order, are very different things; the first may not be changed; the latter are and have been different in different jurisdictions from time immemorial. The ancient usage that a brother could not be a Master until he had served as a Warden, is *not a landmark*, but one of those ancient regulations which the lapse of time and the progress of the age have rendered useless and obsolete, and it is by no means the only one which has been dropped and buried out of sight. When we come, however, to talk about the *ancient landmarks* of Capitular Masonry, the less said the better. What are they, and where are they to be found?

The M. E. EDMUND J. OPPELT was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. GEORGE L. MCCAHAN was elected Grand Secretary.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

The usual Quarterly Convocations of this Grand Chapter were held during the year. Little business of general interest was transacted, except at the one held June 11, 1878, when the proposed amendment to the Constitution, making Past High Priests of Chapters members of the Grand Chapter, was acted upon. The committee to whom the matter was referred submitted a lengthy and exhaustive report, in which the question was discussed in all its bearings, concluding with the recommendation that any further consideration of the subject be indefinitely postponed; which report was adopted by nearly a unanimous vote.

The seventy-eighth Annual Convocation was commenced in the city of Boston on the tenth day of December, 1878,—the M. E. SMITH B. HARRINGTON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ZEPH. H. THOMAS, Jr., being Grand Secretary.

After the Grand Chapter was opened, the Grand Officers retired from their stations, and the several degrees and lectures were exemplified by the Grand Lecturer and his assistants.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is unusually brief, and is principally confined to matters of local interest only. He was pleased to observe that the work in the subordinate Chapters had, with rare exceptions, been well and faithfully performed. The rare exceptions were those Chapters in which the devotional exercises were omitted, or rendered in a formal manner only. "In these exercises," he truly says, "our fidelity to the principles should appear."

We are pleased to observe that our companions of Massachusetts are awaking to the realization of the evil entailed by a custom hitherto prevalent in that jurisdiction, and which called forth the following suggestion from the Grand High Priest:—

"To increase the strength of our subordinate Chapters, I would suggest that more attention be paid to affiliation. To this end, I submit, for the consideration of the Chapters, that the same ballot that elects a brother to receive the degrees shall

entitle him to membership, he signing the by-laws, and paying such fee as shall be required." This is a move in the right direction; the matter was referred to an able committee, of which Comp. JOHN W. DADMUN is chairman, to report at the next Quarterly Convocation. We await with interest the result of their deliberations. It has been the custom in Massachusetts, both in Lodge and Chapter, to make Masons at large, and then turn them loose upon the world like sheep without a shepherd. This practice was strongly and adversely commented upon, in the Report on Correspondence presented to this Grand Body in 1878, and we trust the practice will be abolished.

Biographies of Past Grand High Priest JOHN MCLELLAN, who at the time of his death and for fifteen years previous was General Grand Treasurer of the General Grand Chapter, and of Comp. ABRAHAM ANNIE DAME, Past Grand Scribe, were presented.

The Committee on Finances report a cash balance in the treasury of \$635 09, and the total assets of the Grand Chapter, \$7,368 80.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to the retiring Grand High Priest, and also to the Grand Lecturer, for the able and satisfactory manner in which they had discharged the important duties confided to their care.

An able Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. JOHN W. DADMUN, in which the transactions of all the Grand Chapters, except Ohio, were courteously reviewed. He gives California a fair share of his attention, and says that "the Address of Comp. KNAPP, though brief, is excellent in tone and character." In noticing that part of the Report on Correspondence relative to making Masons at large, he says, it is "worthy of serious consideration." "But," he continues, "there are two sides to this question, and it is difficult to make some Masons see that it is right to *force* affiliation. Forcing affiliation would be, virtually, forcing attendance on Masonic meetings, and, consequently, the payment of Masonic dues. Is this in keeping with 'our free will and accord?'"

Most certainly it is. We become Masons of our own "free will and accord," and, in doing so, we voluntarily assume all the duties and obligations pertaining to that connection. Masons are not to exercise their "free will" in committing a wrong. If it is right for one Mason to enjoy all the rights, privileges and benefits of the Order without contributing anything to its support, it is for another; and what would be the result if all claimed immunity from affiliation and dues? As for affiliation being virtually to "force attendance on Masonic meetings," we regard that as a matter in which a brother may properly exercise his "free will;" but, in the payment of Masonic dues, if the "free will" be wanting, then, we say, let the forcing process be vigorously applied.

There are sixty-eight subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of nine thousand one hundred and six.

The M. E. THOMAS WATERMAN was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. ZEPH. H. THOMAS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MICHIGAN.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Jackson on the twenty-first day of January, 1879,—the M. E. CHARLES J. KRUGER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM P. INNES being Grand Secretary. One hundred subordinate Chapters out of one hundred and two were represented at the opening, and eighteen Past Grand High Priests lent dignity to the occasion by their presence.

The Grand High Priest commences his Address with an allusion to the fact that, in the city where they were now assembled, the Convention which formed the Grand Chapter of Michigan was held, thirty-one years since. There were then but three subordinate Chapters, with a membership of less than fifty Royal Arch Masons; now, the Chapters number one hundred and three, with a membership of 7,385.

He speaks feelingly of the calamity which has so decimated the ranks of our companions in the South; and devoutly returns thanks to the Supreme Ruler that their own numbers are unbroken, and also that He has given them the "ability and desire to extend freely and promptly the helping hand of charity to those in affliction."

Of the state of the Order he says:—

"The past year has been an uneventful one in our jurisdiction: the Royal Craft has pursued the even tenor of its ways, and I am happy to state to the Grand Chapter that but little contention has arisen among the subordinates to mar the universal peace and harmony which should at all times prevail among the members of the Craft. Where differences have existed, wise counsels have prevailed, and, where discord threatened disruption and unkind feeling, naught but peace and harmony prevail.

"Bickerings are at an end, and the chain is unbroken; and all are united in 'peace, love, and unity.'"

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter.

The following questions and answers were submitted, which we copy for the information of our companions; some of them are not in accordance with the practice in this jurisdiction:—

"*Question.*—A brother Master Mason is elected to receive the Chapter degrees; but before they are conferred upon him a companion objects. The objecting companion is afterwards suspended from his Lodge for unmasonic conduct. Can the High Priest confer the Chapter degrees on the brother elected without the removal of such objection?

"*Answer.*—If a companion objects to the conferring of the Chapter degrees on a candidate after being duly elected, the objection must be withdrawn before he can proceed; but if the objecting companion is afterwards suspended for unmasonic conduct, that removes the objection so far as he is concerned, and the High Priest may confer the degrees unless some other companion objects.

"*Question.*—Can a companion be expelled for non-payment of dues?

"*Answer.*—Under Article IX, Section 3, of the Grand Constitution, I am of opinion a subordinate Chapter has the right, by a vote thereof, to expel a companion for non-payment of dues.

"*Question.*—Trial of a companion having been commenced at a regular meeting, can (according to decisions) be continued at other meetings; but, after the finding of the commission, should the ballot be passed on the question of guilt or innocence, and on that of the penalty at any but a regular convocation?

"*Answer.*—A trial of a companion having been commenced, and findings of a commission reported, if for good causes shown the trial cannot proceed at the time, I see no reason why the ballot on the question of guilt or innocence cannot proceed at an adjourned meeting, called for that purpose, proper notice being given.

"*Question.*—In case the Scribe of a subordinate Chapter should move out of the jurisdiction of his Chapter, would it be admissible for you (me) to issue a special dispensation for a companion to fill the vacancy?

"*Answer.*—Unless the companion has severed his connection with the Chapter by dimitt, no dispensation could be granted for election of a Scribe to fill vacancy. His moving away does not vacate the office. He may return at any time during his term of office, and occupy his position.

"*Question.*—A Master Mason is balloted for in a Chapter and admitted, but takes no degrees, and moves out of the Chapter jurisdiction. After a year's time he returns to the Chapter to take his degrees. Still living without the jurisdiction. To whom does he belong? and for how long time after the ballot is he entitled to take the degrees?

"*Answer.*—The brother is the material of your Chapter, and subject to your jurisdiction notwithstanding his change of residence, provided there is no provision in your By-Laws specifying the time he should appear to receive the degrees.

"If there is such a By-Law and the brother has failed to present himself, and in the meantime has gained a legal residence elsewhere, your Chapter loses jurisdiction, and he must apply to the Chapter nearest his residence.

"*Question.*—A companion having been re-elected to the same office, is it necessary he be installed a second time?

"*Answer.*—Section 15, Article 8, Grand Constitution, provides that officers of a subordinate Chapter shall hold their office for one year, or until their successors have been duly elected and installed. It is not absolutely necessary, in my opinion, that the officer be re-installed, he being his own successor. The quite common usage, however, is to install as often as re-elected, though the practice is not universal.

" *Question*.—Objection being raised to the installation of the High Priest elect, by a member of the Chapter in good standing, what is the proper course to pursue ?

" *Answer*.—The duty of the installing officer is not to proceed until he is made acquainted with the objections, and the same be removed.

" *Question*.—Can a Chapter by vote make one of its own members an honorary member, and, if so, can an honorary member of a Chapter be elected and qualified as an officer of said Chapter ?

" *Answer*.—I see no objection to a Chapter making (by vote thereof) one of its own members an honorary member, nor of its electing such honorary member to any office within its gift, except the By-Laws of the Chapter prohibit it. Honorary membership is usually bestowed upon aged and faithful brethren, as a reward for long and faithful services. In this case it exempts them from all dues and assessments, and of all obligations to unite in the labors of the Chapter ; but deprives them of no privilege which they before enjoyed as a member. In my opinion they are still eligible to office and may serve on committees and vote on all questions as heretofore."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom these decisions were referred, reported as follows :—

"The first question presented by the Grand High Priest is a peculiar one, and we imagine is of rare occurrence. The Grand High Priest, in the first clause of his answer, gives the law which is applicable to this case :—

"The objection must be withdrawn before the candidate can advance.

"The death or suspension of the objector does not invalidate the reasons given for the objection ; we think the better way in all such cases would be a new petition and ballot.

"Answers to questions two, three, four, five and six, we believe to be in accordance with law and usage in this Grand Jurisdiction.

"In relation to the seventh question, 'Can a companion object to the installation of the High Priest elect ? and if so, what course must be pursued ?'

"We do not consider it good Masonic law that a peremptory objection would stop the installation of a High Priest and thus the work of the Chapter, but such reason for the objection might be given as would warrant the installing officer in delaying such installation, and if no charges are presented, the installation of the new officer should at once proceed.

"The point covered by the eighth question (giving the *status* in the Chapter of its honorary members) may not be fully settled in our Grand Chapter, we having no direct legislation on this subject. Our Grand Lodge, and other Grand Chapters specifically define this position. As the term implies, they are *honorary members*, ornamental and useful for Council, but without the right of voting or holding office. We are of the opinion, the rule of the Grand Lodge should be adopted for the Grand Chapter."

We are of the opinion that the committee are mistaken in their idea that the case involved in the first question is "peculiar," and of "rare occurrence ;" on the contrary, such cases frequently happen ; and the Reports on Correspondence from the various jurisdictions have for years been filled with arguments relative to the right of objection after election, the manner of making the objection, its effect, etc.

The committee say : "The death or suspension of the objector does not invalidate the *reasons given* for the objection." But suppose no reasons are given ? In such a case we think that when the objector ceases to be a member of the Chapter from any cause, his objection should no longer be considered.

An excellent Report on Correspondence is submitted by the Grand Secretary, in which the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters are reviewed, California for 1878 receiving fraternal and flattering notice.

He quotes largely from the Address of Comp. KNAPP, and from the reports of the Committee on Jurisprudence and Correspondence.

Under the head of New York, we find the following extract from the report of Comp. DARIUS OGDEN :—

"The following decision seems to us to be questionable law, viz.: That when an elected High Priest refused or neglected to be installed, the old High Priest remained in office till his successor, or a new High Priest, was elected and qualified. Unless this is expressly declared by the Constitution or By-Laws of the Grand Chapter of California, it does not seem to us sound practice. The office of High Priest would re with the year for which he was elected and the King would take his place in

case the companion elected, neglected or declined to be installed. Such is expressly declared to be his duty at every opening of a Chapter; how it could be held that the hold-over law applied, we cannot see, unless it is an express statutory provision, and then could such a statute be made? We don't believe it has been."

To which Comp. INNES replies as follows :—

"If we were only a talking man, and to talk back was not against the implied wishes of our Grand Chapter, we would spread printer's ink greatly, and go to the defense of Grand High Priest ABELL, whom we believe to be right in this matter.

"But we won't say our say, for we *know* 'Darius' is a great man, and we read that 'Abell' was another."

Comp. INNES is generally on the right side, and we should be glad if the "implied wishes of his Grand Chapter" did not prevent him from being as good a commentator as he is an extractor.

Under the head of Oregon, he quotes the following :—

"We notice, in the various proceedings which we have examined, a remarkable '*contraction in official decisions*.' This seems to us as an indication of progress in the right direction. In fact, this '*contraction*' has been so great that we may not find sufficient to make our usual Compend respectable, even in appearance."

Upon which he says :—

"It is, indeed, progress in the right direction,' and we think as we have said before, that much is due to the several Reports on Correspondence, which are now closely read by Masons, and from which many are able to give intelligent answers to questions arising among subordinate bodies, without referring to Presiding Officers of Grand Bodies."

We concur.

The M. E. DAVID C. SPAULDING was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WILLIAM P. INNES was re-elected Grand Secretary, and is Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

#### MINNESOTA.

This Grand Chapter held its eighteenth Annual Convocation in the city of St. Paul on the fourteenth day of October, 1879,—the R. E. THOMAS MONTGOMERY, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. A. T. C. PIERSON being Grand Secretary. Twenty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and the only matter of general interest to the Craft is the decision, that a brother who has received the degrees of Mark, Past and Most Excellent Master, and against whom no specific charges can be brought, only a "general immorality," cannot be stopped without trial. One would suppose that, where general immorality was urged, there would be little difficulty in fixing upon specific acts.

The Committee on Jurisprudence presented two reports, which, "after considerable discussion and various propositions to amend," were re-committed, with instructions to report at the next Annual Convocation.

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$303 87.

The Committee on Grievances reported that the proceedings of a subordinate Chapter in remitting fees for degrees heretofore conferred, were in violation of the Constitution, and therefore null and void.

Three Chapters failed to make returns.

The Grand Secretary, Comp. A. T. C. PIERSON, presents a one-hundred-page Report on Correspondence, without which the proceedings would make but a small show. He reviews the transactions of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, California, for 1878, included.

He quotes the decision of Comp. BROWN, relative to the companion who refused to pay the fee for his degrees, and says: "It may assist one of our Chapters in untying a knot." He compliments us upon our report and quotes liberally from it.



Under the head of Illinois he quotes the views expressed by Comp. GURNEY, in his review of California, upon which he comments as follows :—

We are so dull of comprehension as not to be able to understand the drift of the foregoing.

"The Royal Arch is but the completion of the Master's degree. If a Master Mason is expelled or suspended by his Lodge, he is, of necessity, cut off from everything that is built up on that degree—deprived of its roots the tree must fall. While under such sentence, the party has no Masonic rights whatever; he is, to all intents, a profane.

"Membership in a Masonic body can only be had through the ordeal of the ballot box.

"A Mason non-affiliated is deprived only of Masonic rights dependent upon Lodge membership. Expulsion is Masonic death, so also suspension, for the time.

"While a Lodge cannot make Chapter membership, it has the power to deprive by depriving the party of that upon which Chapter membership is based—being a Master Mason.

"If the Chapter should abandon that part of Craft Masonry which it now usurps in violation of obligation.' We do not understand 'now usurps in violation of obligation.' Usurps what? What obligation? It is news to us that we have been, for nearly forty years, 'violating an obligation!'

"The third degree is the basis of all the systems and rites of Masonry practiced in the world; all the different degrees are but amplifications of, or deductions from, legitimate dogmas of the third degree. To start in to obtain the knowledge of Masonry, which is only obtainable through these amplifications and deductions, one is required to prove himself eligible, by employing a portion of the 'esoteric work—signs, grips or words' of a M. M. Are all those parties who have taken other than the Craft degrees living in "violation of obligation?"

We do not so understand it.

There are thirty-three subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction; total membership not footed up.

The M. E. THOMAS MONTGOMERY was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. A. T. O. PIERSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MISSISSIPPI.

The Grand Chapter of Mississippi held its thirty-first Annual Convocation in the city of Okolona on the thirteenth day of January, 1879,—the R. E. R. B. BRANNIN, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. J. L. POWERS being Grand Secretary. Thirty-three subordinate Chapters were represented. A telegram from the M. E. Grand High Priest informed the Grand Chapter that he would reach Okolona by the afternoon train, having been detained by sickness in his family, whereupon the Grand Chapter was called off until four o'clock, P. M.

Upon resuming labor at the appointed hour, the Grand High Priest was present and delivered his Address.

He returns thanks to God for all the mercies received at his hands during the past year, and congratulates his companions upon the fact that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. "Our relations," he says, "with other jurisdictions are of the most fraternal character."

He pays the following eloquent tribute to the memory of Past Grand High Priest H. W. WALTER :—

"Since our last Convocation, our jurisdiction has been visited by the most desolating pestilence in the annals of our history, and we are painfully reminded that the dread summoner has appeared in our midst, and called from our number many of those whom we had learned to love and honor. Our Grand Chapter has met an irreparable loss in the death of P. G. H. Priest W. H. WALTER. On the 19th day of September, 1878, our beloved and honored companion was called from labor to rest. At this sad announcement a pall of gloom settles over the many Chapters, and sorrow reigns supreme in many once happy homes within our Grand jurisdiction. His manly form will no longer be seen, and the sweet, enrapturing notes of his eloquence will never again be heard. He has gone from us for ever.

"In order to properly appreciate the magnanimity and heroism of our companion, it will be necessary to recur briefly to the desolating scenes which surrounded him during the closing days of his life. During the latter part of August, the yellow fever was declared epidemic at Holly Springs, the place of his home. For many long

and weary weeks it raged with great malignity and violence. A long life of good works and charitable deeds had endeared Comp. WALTER to the good people of Holly Springs, and many urgent appeals were made by loving friends that he should go away and seek a place of safety. But his eagle eye comprehended the situation. At once he gathered his little band about him, resolved, with his people, to share every danger, and, if necessary, meet death that they might live. At his own request he was made Chairman of the Committee on Nurses, and it was in this capacity that his services were invaluable. At every home in the afflicted city he was seen. In the still, quiet hours of the night, it was he that gave the soothing draught; his voice that whispered consolation in the ears of the dying; his hand that smoothed the fevered brow. At the bed of the sick, at the grave of the dead, in the home of the mourning, our companion was a constant visitor. What a life was his! At his side stood the Falconers, the Fante, the chivalrous Holland, and last, but not least, three of his own manly sons. The battle is over now; the dark banner is fallen; the black host of the unseen foe have retreated before the advancing frosts and gales of winter. But we look in vain for this honored hand. Not one lives—all are dead! Noble, generous, gifted companions! In the halls of State, the temples of Masonry, and at the altars of the church you will be missed. But in the Great Lodge above you have gone to reap your reward. Thine image will always hang in the halls of Masonic memory, and from thy grave will go forth the story of glory and usefulness."

We deeply sympathize with our companions of Mississippi in the loss they have sustained, and sincerely hope that the steps of the fell destroyer may be turned aside from their homes in all future time.

He also delivers a fitting eulogy upon the Masonic life and character of Comp. ANDREW J. WHEELER of Tennessee, who fell in the discharge of his duty during the prevalence of the same fearful pestilence which caused the death of Comp. WALTER.

The finances of the Grand Chapter do not appear to be in a prosperous condition. In this connection he says:—

"The total receipts for 1878 amounted to only \$1,488 00, a little more than one-half the receipts of the year previous. Unless there is a decided increase in receipts at the present Convocation, there will not be sufficient to pay Representatives and Grand Officers the constitutional allowance of mileage and per diem, to print your proceedings and meet the necessary expenses of the Grand Chapter; so that when we meet next year, a debt will be staring us in the face that must be again discharged by Representatives waiving all claims for attendance.

"Companions, these things ought not so to be. The finances of the Grand Chapter should be so adjusted as to insure a certain income, no matter where the Annual Convocation may be held, or how many Representatives shall be in attendance. I have long been of the opinion that the system of mileage and per diem should be abolished in all our Grand Bodies, and in lieu thereof, let the Subordinates pay the actual and necessary expenses of delegates, in addition to a per capita assessment, just sufficient to meet the expenses of the Grand Body. This has been tried in many jurisdictions with results the most satisfactory.

Under the head of Foreign Correspondence, he says:—

"The Report on Foreign Correspondence will give you general information of the status of the Royal Craft throughout the Continent. Through the courtesy of the Grand Secretary, I have been furnished with a copy of the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters. Had I ever entertained doubts of the ability of these reports, those doubts would certainly be now removed, and I give it as my deliberate opinion, if all our members were required to read and digest the valuable information contained in the Reports on Foreign Correspondence, they would be better men and Masons."

No report on correspondence, however, appears; but a committee was appointed for the ensuing year, and we hope to hear from them in due season.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, says:—

"The condition of many of the Chapters is such as to demand the serious consideration of the Grand Bodies. Fully twenty of those now on the register have forfeited their Charters, under the provisions of the Constitution; and, being either dead or dormant, their warrants may as well be recalled. Seventeen Chapters failed to make return or pay dues for 1877, and several are in default for two or more years.

"In sending out blanks for the Annual Return, I requested Secretaries to inclose a separate list of such companions as had received the Council Degrees of Royal and Select Master. Several of the Chapters are now regularly working those

degrees, while others are not in possession of them. If our Grand Lecturer could visit and instruct the Chapters, these degrees would be generally worked. But a majority of the Chapters require instruction, also, in the Capitular degrees, and, it is hoped that some plan will be devised that will justify our Grand Lecturer in giving, at least, a good share of his time to the work. The very style of the office indicates the dispensing of light, and there are many dark corners that should be illumined by his presence."

How much of the above lamentable condition may be owing to the union of Chapter and Council degrees, we are not prepared to say; but we fear our Mississippi companions will find it a losing experiment.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$105 47.

The amendment to the Constitution proposed at the last Annual Convocation, which was as follows,—

"*Resolved*, That Section four of Article II of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, be amended so as to read as follows:

"The Grand Chapter shall elect, when the other Grand Officers are elected, a Grand Lecturer, whose duty it shall be, when called upon by the Grand Council, to give lectures and instructions in Royal Arch Masonry, at each Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and to visit each Chapter within its jurisdiction at least once between each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and instruct them in the work and lectures of Royal Arch Masonry, and he shall be compensated by a per capita tax of fifty cents annually upon each Royal Arch Mason under the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter, to be levied and paid as other dues to the Grand Chapter are levied and paid."

Was lost by a vote of sixty-four to sixty-two, a two-thirds vote being necessary.

A resolution was adopted allowing all delinquent Chapters ninety days within which to elect officers and make returns.

The Finance Committee, in their report, pays the following handsome compliment to the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary:—

"Your Finance Committee, to whom was referred the report of Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, respectfully report that they have carefully examined said reports and find them, as usual, correct in every particular. Your Committee cannot close this report without inviting the attention of the Grand Chapter to the zeal and efficiency of these most excellent officers during the dark days of bankruptcy and insolvency through which we have but just passed, and, while congratulating the Grand Chapter upon its present financial status, we beg to remind you that this happy state of affairs is due in no small degree to the energy and indomitable perseverance of the Grand Secretary, whose most strenuous exertions for the past nine years have been directed to this end."

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to the retiring Grand High Priest for his faithful and efficient discharge of duty, and to the citizens of Okolona for their hospitality.

The following statistical summary shows the condition of the Chapters in that jurisdiction:—

Total Chapters making return.....	49
Chapters failing to make return.....	26
Chapters represented at Grand Convocation.....	33
Total membership in the 49 Chapters reporting.....	1378
Exaltations in Chapters reporting.....	44
Affiliated.....	25
Reinstated.....	16
Dimitted.....	37
Died.....	60
Suspended for unmasonic conduct.....	1
Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	50
Companions who received degrees of R. and S. Master since consolidation of Chapter and Council.....	190
Total dues of Chapters reporting.....	\$1525 75

The *M. E.* ROBERT B. BRANNIN was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## NEBRASKA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter were among the missing last year, but have since been received, and we now turn our attention to the Annual Convocation held in the city of Omaha on the seventeenth day of December, 1878. The *M. E.* EDWIN F. WARREN, Grand High Priest, presided, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. BOWEN being Grand Secretary. Nine subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Annual is embellished with a fine steel engraved portrait of Comp. WARREN, the Grand High Priest, and is handsomely bound in substantial paste-board covers with cloth backs, and with wide margins, to permit retrimming by the binder. It is altogether the handsomest Annual upon our table, and is a credit both to printer and compiler.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

"The year that has just closed has been an uneventful one in the main; nevertheless, the dawn of the coming of the sun of prosperity for our State, which last year but faintly flushed the horizon, is now full high advanced, and it no longer requires the gift of prophecy or the eye of faith to know that better times have indeed come. Bountiful harvests have made glad the heart of the husbandman; the choicest fruits have hung in profusion from tree and vine, and the relief felt by the farmer is experienced by all classes of society. Our Order has been enduring a period of depression,—it seems almost over; but we should remember that the lower the ebb, the higher will be the flow of the tide, and there will be more of actual danger to the fraternity from that than from adversity."

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters, and Representatives were appointed near fourteen sister Grand Chapters.

It was in Nebraska where the idea of causing Grand Representatives to write Reports on Correspondence originated; one dose of that medicine was sufficient for our Nebraska companions, and they have returned to the old style of reports. In fact, the Grand High Priest has actually been reading some of the reports from other jurisdictions, for, under the head of Foreign Correspondence, he says:—

"It has been my pleasant privilege during the past two years, and especially the last, to read the Proceedings of our sister jurisdictions, and not the least interesting, and by far the most instructive portion of the various little volumes have been the reports of the Committees on Foreign Correspondence. One cannot fail to be greatly benefited by reading and studying the opinions of such able Masonic writers and reviewers as—not to be invidious when so many bright lights shine—Drummond, of Maine; Corson, of New Jersey; Horner, of Louisiana; Patton, of Oregon; Parvin, of Iowa, and others. But the majority of our companions are debarred this privilege because such reviews and reports do not come within their reach. I therefore strongly urge upon you the desirability of having a review of the doings of sister Grand Chapters prepared for insertion in the printed proceedings of this Convocation, for the instruction of our companions. Now that we expend nothing for mileage and per diem to our members, the finances of this Grand Chapter will soon, if not now, be in shape to meet the demand without burdening us; and I know of no way in which our revenues can be so profitably expended, as in *paying for* and printing such a report.

"Your Grand Secretary, chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, is eminently qualified for the task, if he can find time to prepare a report; and we should make it worth to him the time it will require.

"To the extent above indicated I desire to express a modification of the views relative to the Report on Foreign Correspondence, advanced by me in my last annual address."

We are gratified to know that Comp. WARREN is converted; and we are satisfied that any one who reads the reports of the distinguished writers above referred to, will never regret the time thus spent, or object to the expense of publishing similar reports with the proceedings of their Grand Chapter.

We note the following decisions:—

"1. It is not lawful nor permissible to accept, in lieu of cash or its immediate equivalent, the promissory note or due-bill of a brother Master Mason for the fees required by the By-Laws, upon conferring the several degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, to be paid in services as Tyler, or otherwise, nor to give any credit therefor.

"2. It is not lawful to refund or remit the fees for conferring the several degrees in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, nor to *donate* an amount equal thereto, or any part thereof, to the companion paying the same, whether such companion or applicant be a clergyman or otherwise.

"3. The *proviso* contained in Sec. 8, Art. V. of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, is *null and void*.

"4. The capitular rights of a Royal Arch Mason will not be affected by his taking his dimit from his Lodge.

"5. Chapters U. D. have concurrent territorial jurisdiction with the nearest chartered Chapter over "material" near it.

"6. A dimit cannot be lawfully withheld from any companion applying therefor, clear upon the books and in good standing; nor can a Chapter require the applicant for a dimit to give his reasons for asking it. His reasons are his own.

"7. A companion desiring to dimit is liable for, and properly chargeable with, the full amount of the Grand Chapter dues for the current Masonic year, together with a *pro rata* share of the subordinate Chapter dues whenever he dimit.

"8. Any companion in good standing is eligible to the office of High Priest of the Chapter of which he is a member, whether he has been previously elected and installed as King or Scribe of a subordinate Chapter or not."

In announcing the second decision, the Grand High Priest says:—

"Masonry is not an eleemosynary institution. In the case of ministers of the gospel, an intimation that they are objects of charity is cruel, unjust and insulting; no one supposes it, and they themselves, of all others, would be quickest to resent it. In most instances they are as able to contribute as other companions. If a clergyman officiates as Chaplain, it is proper enough to provide in the By-Laws that he shall receive pecuniary compensation, as the Secretary and Tyler do, for such services; otherwise I can see no reason for any distinction between them and other members."

In the above we fully concur. We have a due respect for the sacred office, and we do not believe that any clergyman who entertains a proper degree of self-respect can submit to become a member of the Chapter in *forma pauperis*.

The consolidation of Chapter and Council degrees was consummated, as appears from the following:—

"A committee from the Grand Council, Royal and Select Masters, of Nebraska, now entered the Grand Chapter, and its chairman, *M. E.* Comp. EDWIN F. WARREN, announced that the Grand Council had determined to surrender the Royal and Select Master's degrees to the keeping and care of the Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest thereupon announced that, the vote of the subordinate Chapters being favorable to merging, the Grand Chapter would assume charge of the Royal and Select degrees upon a basis to be arranged upon reports of conference committees already appointed."

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of the Grand Secretary, Comp. WILLIAM R. BOWEN, and comprises a review of the transactions of thirty-eight Grand Chapters, including the General Grand Chapter. California, for 1878, receives a fair share of his attention, and copious extracts are made from the Address of our Grand High Priest, and from the reports of the various committees.

The thirteenth Annual Convocation was held in Nebraska City, on the sixteenth day of December, 1879,—the *M. E.* FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. BOWEN being Grand Secretary. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, reports the Craft to be in a flourishing condition, and in that connection he says:—

"The returning tide of prosperity, predicted by my predecessor, has indeed come, and on every hand we hear the report of Peace and Plenty.

"The earth has sent forth her increase, which was exceedingly bountiful. The immense crops of the West are being rapidly exchanged for the products of the East; every branch of industry is stimulated and revived to an extent not known for years. Many of the most important branches of industry throughout our land have lain idle for some time, owing to over-production and lack of demand for their respective wares; this state of affairs has ceased to exist; manufacturers of all classes are running to their fullest capacity, and even then are unable to supply the demand. Confidence is restored throughout the length and breadth of our land.

"The producer, merchant, mechanic, laborer, and all classes are reaping a rich reward for their labors, and as all branches of Masonry have felt and been retarded in advancement by the depression of past years, so will Royal Arch Masonry feel and be benefited by this wave of prosperity, now sweeping across our country. The harvest is at hand, and ripe for the sickle, we have only to stretch forth our hand and gather it in."

These are tidings of good cheer, and we congratulate our companions upon these evidences of prosperity.

Upon the subject of Reports on Correspondence, he expresses himself as follows:—

"I am pleased to see the Grand Chapter of Nebraska returning to its first love in so important a matter as report on Correspondence. We have tried the new system, and it does not prove a success. While I believe it would be all we have claimed for it, if our Grand Representatives did their duty, I am also of the opinion that it is not every Representative can write a good review of the Chapter he represents, and we do know there are companions within this jurisdiction who are willing and have the ability to write a Report on Foreign Correspondence of which Nebraska may well feel proud. As Companion WARREN has proven himself a skillful workman on this committee, I recommend he be retained, for a well written report is very important, and forms no small part of our proceedings."

Two dispensations were granted for the formation of new Chapters.

His decisions on questions of law and usage are of local interest only.

On the 15th day of April, 1879, he issued the following proclamation:—

*"To all true and trusty companions of the Royal Arch within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska, but more especially to the High Priest, King, Scribe, and companions of each of the constituent Chapters of this Grand Jurisdiction, GREETING:*

*"KNOW YE THAT WHEREAS* the question of placing the Council degrees of Royal and Select Masters under the charge and control of the several subordinate Chapters within the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska was considered in Grand Chapter and submitted to the subordinate Chapters for their approval or rejection, and

*"WHEREAS* a majority of the subordinate Chapters having voted in favor of accepting the Council degrees, and the Grand Chapter having at its twelfth Annual Convocation adopted resolutions confirming the transfer, and

*"WHEREAS* all the requirements of the said resolutions have been complied with.

*"Now, therefore, I, FRANCIS E. WHITE, Grand High Priest of the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska, by the high power in me vested, do by these presents make known and proclaim to all persons to whom these presents shall come and concern;*

*"That all subordinate Chapters within this Grand Jurisdiction are hereby authorized, empowered and directed to open councils of Royal and Select Masters and confer the degrees of Royal and Select Master on all companion Royal Arch Masons within this Grand Jurisdiction, in accordance with the said resolutions and not otherwise.*

*"And I hereby direct and require each and every subordinate Chapter within the jurisdiction of the Most Excellent Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Nebraska to make full and complete returns of all action had by them under this warrant to the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter and annually thereafter.*

*"Witness my hand and the seal of the Grand Chapter, this twenty-third day of May, one thousand eight hundred and seventy-nine.*

*"[SEAL.]*

*F. E. WHITE, Grand High Priest.*

*"ATTEST: WM. R. BOWEN, Grand Secretary."*

We do not believe, that in the face of the protest of a majority of the Grand Councils of the United States, which protest is sure to be entered, the General Grand Chapter will sanction this coalition, and in view of this uncertainty, we think it would have been wise to have waited the action of that Grand Body, before taking such decisive steps in so important a matter.

The ideas embraced in the following we believe to be sound, and meet our concurrence. They are the same as those enunciated by Comp. ASKILL in his Address to this Grand Chapter in 1877:—

"On September 28 I refused permission to Orient Chapter, U. D., to confer the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch at one meeting on a brother who had been regularly elected to receive them. It is a

question in my mind whether your Grand High Priest has the power to set aside the regulations in regard to the above; and granting him the power, I am decidedly opposed to making Royal Arch Masons in that way. Every companion who is exalted in a Chapter should be fully and properly instructed in each degree; in this way only can the candidate comprehend the full meaning of our ceremonies. He pays his money for that purpose, and to confer the degrees in any other manner than the above is doing the candidate a great injustice, and one he would deeply feel should he wish to visit a Chapter and have even the semblance of an impostor. My experience has taught me proficiency is seldom acquired after a companion is exalted. We cannot be too careful in this important matter. During my term of office I have endeavored, both by conversation and correspondence, to impress upon the minds of our companions the necessity of a strict adherence to that portion of our regulations which requires proficiency before advancement."

A good Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. E. F. WARREN, P. G. H. P., who makes his *debut* as a Reporter in the following remarks:—

"Owing to the partiality of our Grand High Priest, who appointed the undersigned upon the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the current year, and the generous self-denial of our R. E. Grand Secretary, Comp. BOWEN, who kindly consented to forego the pleasure, the profit and the labor of the preparation thereof, it has happened that a novice in the business presents this his first report. It has been written at odd moments of time amid frequent interruptions, and in no special order; i. e., we have written up the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters as chance or inclination dictated, and not in alphabetical order. This will account for some little repetition there may be in the Report. We have written under the reiterated injunction *to be brief*, as our finances would not permit an extended review, and therefore many matters have been passed over without comment that we should have been pleased to notice."

He reviews the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters, California, for 1879, being of the number.

He dissents from the decision of our Grand High Priest relative to the companion who failed to pay his fee for the degrees to the Secretary. In this connection he says:—

"He also decided that a companion who had made a private arrangement with the Secretary of the Chapter whereby he was not required to pay the fees for the degrees upon receiving them, and who then refused to pay them to the Secretary, was a member in good standing, provided he pays his dues, and that the Secretary was personally responsible to the Chapter for the fees. That is all right; but when Comp. BROWNE says that the companion who failed to pay his fees to the Secretary is guilty of unmasonic conduct and should be tried therefor, we dissent, basing our dissent from what appears of record. Perhaps he is unable to pay, though never so willing. We do not understand it to be a Masonic offense *per se* to get credit if one can, even for the degrees; but the censure belongs of right to that unfaithful Secretary, whose intemperate zeal to make members has brought him into trouble. If we had been that Secretary we would never have said a word of complaint about it. And was not the 'offense' committed *before* he became a Royal Arch Mason?"

The offense here charged is not that he made such a contract with the Secretary, —for that, of itself, does not constitute an offense,—but that he subsequently refused to keep his plighted faith with that officer. The Secretary, of course, was responsible to the Chapter, and he incurred the responsibility, relying upon the honor of the petitioner. Nothing is said of the *inability* of the individual to pay, but it is upon his *refusal* to pay that the decision is based.

He speaks approvingly of our report of last year, and regrets that Nebraska was missing, for he says:—"California seems more like a *near* neighbor than do some of the Eastern jurisdictions."

We trust that the connection now established will meet with no further interruption.

In this jurisdiction there are nineteen chartered Chapters, with a total membership of 790. The M. E. ALFRED G. HASTINGS was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WILLIAM R. BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## NEVADA.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its sixth Annual Convocation in the city of Virginia on the ninth day of June, 1879,—the M. E. PHILIP SELDNER, Grand High Priest, presiding; the R. E. JOHN D. HAMMOND being Grand Secretary. All the subordinate Chapters, eight in number, were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

"The financial condition of this Grand Chapter is quite satisfactory, and its relations with other Grand Chapters, in the United States and elsewhere, altogether friendly and becoming quite intimate."

He also states that the subordinate Chapters are reasonably prosperous, and during the past year have done considerable work.

Representatives were appointed near fourteen Grand Chapters, which were already represented near that Grand Chapter.

The duties of the Grand High Priest have not been burdensome during the year; he says:—

"No question of law or practice has been submitted to me for decision of sufficient merit to lay before you for criticism or approval. Such as I have had presented to me were matters of trivial importance, long since well settled, and only exhibited the ignorance of those who propounded them of Masonic usage and jurisprudence."

Rather rough on the seekers after light. Yet, the questions sometimes propounded to Grand Masters and Grand High Priests are sufficient to vex the patience of a saint. He made the following recommendations:—

"I would recommend that the Grand Secretary be instructed to have the Proceedings left over with the printers, from organization of this Grand Chapter up to and including the present Grand Session, bound in a suitable book for Grand Officers of this Grand Chapter, and exchange with other Grand Chapters, the balance to be held for sale.

"I would further recommend that a law be enacted so that the High Priest of every Chapter should have power, for good and sufficient cause, to declare any appointed office vacant, and fill the same at any stated convocation, thereby enabling him to have good and efficient officers.

"I would further recommend that this Grand Chapter have a standing Committee on Work, or devise some other plan for the uniform working of our degrees in this jurisdiction. As it is at present, each Chapter has a peculiar work of its own."

With reference to the second recommendation, the Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred, made the following report, which was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest which recommends that the High Priests of constituent Chapters be empowered to remove appointed officers for cause, have given the same careful consideration, and have reached the following conclusion:—An appointed officer, after he has been installed, cannot be removed during the period for which he has been appointed. Although he is indebted to a preliminary appointment for his position, yet he is subsequently installed as are elected officers, and so bound to the performance of duty for a similar period; in fact, it is the *installation* and not the appointment which makes a Chapter officer. We consequently believe that it would be contrary to Masonic law and usage to give the authority of removal to the High Priests of the constituent Chapters. The only cause for which an appointed officer can be removed is unmasonic conduct, and then in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution. In such a case the position can only be filled *pro tempore* until the next annual election."

We think the recommendation of the Grand High Priest a good one, and have adopted a similar law in California with good results. In order to do good work, the appointed officers must be intelligent, well informed, and zealous in the discharge of their duties, otherwise there will be confusion among the workmen; and if an officer is appointed who is negligent, stupid, or incapable of performing the duties assigned him, the High Priest or Council should have the power to remove him and appoint another who is better qualified.

The system of life-memberships provided in Art. XX. of the Constitution, was abolished; the present holders of certificates of life-membership being requested to



surrender them to the Grand Secretary, and receive in lieu thereof the sum of one hundred dollars.

A new charter was granted *St. John's* Chapter No. 5, to replace one lost by fire, without charge.

The sum of seventy-five dollars was allowed the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence for preparing the report, a very good one, from the pen of Comp. JOHN D. HAMMOND, the Grand Secretary.

He commences his work with the following introduction:—

"O wad some power the giftie gie us,  
To see oursels as ithers see us,  
It wad frae mony a blunder free us,  
And foolish notion."—BURNS.

The beginning of a Correspondence Report is very like getting married, in that it is beyond human ken to foresee how long the affair may last, or, until the end shall come, whether the better or the worse shall predominate. In spite, however of this dreadful uncertainty, matrimony and reports will doubtless continue. We are told that it is not good for man to dwell alone. Isolation is a great breeder of that self-opinion and narrowness which so embitters human life, while travel and criticism, though it be sharp-nosed at times, lifts a man from individual ruts, and gives him a place before the broad altar fires in the open court of humanity. Socrates may be never so wise, but Xantippe alone keeps him within bounds. Many and wonderful, though not often easy of comprehension, are the lessons which Solitude whispers to the ear of the expectant soul; but as iron sharpeneth iron, so it is only in the eager scramble of the busy world that man develops that self-poise and character, without which, the noblest thoughts and the holiest purposes that come from introspection are of little avail. Masonry has its hidden mysteries—lessons which are only to be learned by the aid of that light which streams from her inner sanctuary full upon the heart of the devoted seeker; yet Masonry is, pre-eminently, a fraternity dispersed around the globe, whose every purpose is mutual benefit and social uplifting."

He then reviews the proceedings of forty-two Grand Chapters, California, for 1878, included.

He approves the decisions of Comp. KNAPP, quotes approvingly from our report as Grand Lecturer, and says of the report of the special committee on consolidating the Council and Chapter degrees, that to call the General Grand Chapter our much respected *Uncle* is "good, if not over respectful." The committee, he says, "was continued until the next Triennial, when *Uncle* G. G. O. will be waited on in person, and no snubbing will be allowed."

He also makes extracts from the reports of the committees on Jurisprudence and Correspondence, in which he concurs.

Under the head of Colorado, he notices a divided report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, on the question of the relation of non-affiliates to Chapter membership, one member of the Committee reporting that a Royal Arch Mason, to be in good standing in the Chapter must be in good standing in his Lodge, the other holding that the standing of a member in the Chapter was not affected by being stricken from the roll by his Lodge; and this latter report was adopted. Upon which Comp. HAMMOND very aptly remarks:—

"After some skirmishing the report of Companion STANTON was adopted. With due deference, we incline to the opinion that the report of Companion BIGLER is most consistent with justice and sound Masonic usage. The difference of opinion all seems to arise from the tender-footed action of some Grand Bodies in calling suspension for non-payment of dues something else than actual *suspension*. We nutshell our views of the whole subject as follows:—

- "1. Every Mason is in duty bound to pay his dues.
- "2. If unable so to do—of which fact the Lodge or Chapter must be sole judge—then let his dues be forgiven, for sweet Charity's sake.
- "3. If he can pay and won't, then is he guilty, to all intents and purposes, of contempt, which is a 'Masonic' offense of grave character."

Companion DADKUN of Massachusetts asks him the following question:—

"How can a companion be required to pay dues before he becomes a member,

under any circumstances? And a rejection, as the 'result of his own procurement,' would be equally strange in our own jurisdiction. 'More light,' Comp. HAMMOND."

To which Companion HAMMOND replies:—

" 'Tis as simple as falling off a log,' Companion DADMUN. Nevada knows no sluggards. If a Mason *will not* work, neither shall he eat; if he *can not*, then shall he be fed. Affiliates and non-affiliates, alike, must pay dues, be forgiven, or be suspended from all the rights, lights, and benefits of Masonry. It may seem like strong meat, but it is the only true doctrine upon the vexed question. Such being the law, the question arose as to whether a non-affiliate, who had tried to affiliate and been rejected, ought to be asked to pay dues before he could again legally apply for membership. The committee say no, unless he procured his own rejection to dodge his dues."

We would like to make further extracts, but time and space forbid.

The total membership of the eight Chapters is 402.

The M. E. DAVID E. BAILY was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOHN D. HAMMOND was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

This Grand Chapter held its sixty-first Annual Convocation in the city of Concord on the twenty-eighth day of May, 1879,—the M. E. JOHN J. BELL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE P. CLEAVES being Grand Secretary.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says: "We have reason for congratulation in the condition of the Royal Craft in this State." He announces the death of the M. E. Comp. ANDREW JACKSON THOMPSON, his immediate predecessor, and the R. E. Comp. ABEL HUTCHINS, Past Grand Secretary.

He had succeeded in visiting all the subordinate Chapters save one, and had made a vigorous attempt to visit that one, but the members, although notified of his visit, failed to take enough interest in the matter to assemble in sufficient numbers to open the Chapter. He quietly reminded the Grand Chapter that this subordinate had once before refused to call a meeting to receive the visit of the member of the Grand Council to whom that duty had been assigned. The matter was referred to the Committee on "Chapters and Returns," to report at the next Annual Convocation, we presume, as no report upon the subject appears. We note the following decisions:—

"I. It is not necessary that a member of a Chapter should remain an affiliated member of a Lodge. He must be a Mason. When suspended or expelled from Masonry by a Lodge having jurisdiction, his membership in the Chapter is at once and by that act suspended. When the Grand Lodge revokes and annuls the action of the Lodge below, the sentence of the Lodge ceases to be operative, and he resumes his status as a Mason. No notice of this action need be communicated from one body to the other.

"II. If a brother who has been accepted, and received one or more of the degrees of the Chapter, has been guilty of any Masonic crime, it is competent for the Chapter to try him and inflict suitable penalty if the Lodge does not.

"III. If objection is made to a candidate, accepted, and who has received a part of the degrees, the High Priest should refuse to confer the degrees unless clearly satisfied that the objection is unfounded or malicious.

"IV. If a year or more has elapsed since receiving the prior degree or degrees, the candidate should not be further advanced without a new petition and ballot."

These decisions were approved, with the exception of the first, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report next year.

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Chapters of New Jersey and Rhode Island.

The Grand High Priest called attention to the lack of uniformity in the work, and recommended that a committee be appointed to decide upon the correct work and take measures to disseminate it, which was done.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is by no means prosperous, as the Grand Treasurer was obliged to borrow two hundred and sixty-six dollars to meet the current expenses. A committee was appointed to take into consideration the

financial problem, and "if possible to devise some means whereby the expenditures may be brought within the receipts," to report next year. Our companions of the "Old Granite State" evidently believe in due deliberation, as we notice that in all questions requiring reference, the committees are allowed one year to digest the subject and make their report.

A motion that "the Grand High Priest be authorized to borrow on the credit of the Grand Chapter, a sum not exceeding three hundred dollars, to meet the current expenses of the Grand Chapter, and the Grand Treasurer be authorized to give a note for the same," was not subjected to a year's delay, but was immediately adopted.

An excellent Report on Correspondence (84 pp.) was presented by Comp. A. S. WAIT, who asks to be relieved from further duty in that connection. We regret this, as Comp. WAIT has sound views of his own on many subjects under discussion, and does not hesitate to express them. He reviews the proceedings of thirty-three Grand Chapters, California for 1878 included.

He quotes the decision of Comp. KNAPP relative to the effect of an objection before and after receiving one or more degrees, and thinks it not only "the highest common sense, but the precise law." He further says:—

"In view of what we have said heretofore upon this question, we are gratified to see this decision, coming, as it does, from an authority of so high character as the Grand High Priest and Grand Chapter of California."

We return thanks for the compliment.

Under the head of Canada, he says:—

"The argument seems to be, that the Chapter is independent of the Lodge, not only owing it no obedience, but not bound to treat its judicial determination with respect. We had supposed, on the other hand, the very existence of Royal Arch Masonry to be one of dependence upon the symbolic degrees, and unable to exist without them; and that expulsion from the rights and privileges of Masonry by the Symbolic Lodge was an end of the whole Masonic character and existence. We are not certain whether Comp. ROBERTSON intends to announce that a person once having received the degree of Master Mason, it is not necessary that he should remain so in order to continued membership in the Chapter, or, that having once received that degree, he still remains a Master Mason for the purposes of the Chapter, notwithstanding his expulsion by the Lodge.

"We think neither view will bear examination in the light of Masonic principle, or the Masonic Constitutions. In reply to the remark, that 'no amount of suspensions or expulsions can take away the fact that a Master Mason has received the third degree,' it is sufficient to observe that, although such expulsion does not take away the fact of having received the degree, it does deprive the person of all right to the privileges of that degree, and divests him of the character it conferred; and it does take away the right of all members of the Institution to associate with, or recognize him as a Master Mason. Carrying out the remark to its results, it would establish the doctrine that an expelled Master Mason might apply for and receive the Chapter degrees."

In his review of Colorado, he quotes the following from the Report on Correspondence:—

"It was presumed that the Grand Chapter would not care to enter extensively into the republication of other Grand Chapter proceedings, else a ponderous report might have been prepared with far less work. The individual opinions of your committee were not considered important, since they are not makers or expounders of Masonic law, and but few are indulged in. The effort was made to give an idea of the facts, from which each companion may draw his own conclusion."

Upon which he makes the following sensible comments:—

"It is doubtless true that the Committees on Correspondence are neither makers nor expounders of Masonic law. Our observation, however, has convinced us that they have come to be to a very large degree the *conservators* of the Masonic law, and that as such their office is hardly less in importance than that of making or expounding the law, and that it is their proper province to give the Craft the benefit of such views as they hold upon the current doctrines coming under their review."

There are twenty chartered Chapters; total membership, 2,123.

The M. E. GEORGE W. CURRIER was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. GEORGE P. CLAYES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## NEW JERSEY.

The pamphlet containing the transactions of this Grand Chapter comes to us clothed in the sombre weeds of mourning. An emergent convocation was held in Jersey City on the fourteenth day of May, 1879,—the R. E. JAMES H. DURAND, Deputy Grand High Priest, presiding. He stated the emergent business to be the appointment of a Grand Secretary, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the R. E. Comp. THOMAS J. CORSON.

He then announced the appointment, by the Grand High Priest, of the R. E. Comp. GEORGE B. EDWARDS, who was duly presented and installed into the office, so long and so faithfully filled by our lamented Comp. CORSON.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation was held in the city of Trenton on the twelfth day of September, 1879, the M. E. GEORGE H. JONES, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE B. EDWARDS being Grand Secretary.

Twenty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented. We extract the following from the Address of the Grand High Priest :—

"This is an occasion for truest congratulation, that a kind and beneficent Providence has permitted so many to gather together. But a pall of gloom and sadness has settled on our hearts, because Death, that leveler of all distinction, that inveterate foe, has been at work since last we met. The familiar faces of a few of our dear companions will be seen in our midst no more; they have carried up their work through the celestial veils for Divine inspection, and, we doubt not, have been approved as faithful workmen, and entered upon eternal reward.

"Early in the year a threatening cloud spread over us, a harbinger of approaching disaster, but we held firm our trust in our Supreme High Priest, fondly hoping that His hand would turn aside the impending evil. But as the Spring flowers began to bloom, we were compelled to realize that all that was mortal of an esteemed friend and companion would soon be gathered to the faithful bosom of earth. What mean these symbols of mourning? Why this drapery of woe around us? Most Excellent Companion THOMAS JOHNSON CORSON, M. D., in the triumphs of the Christian faith, has fallen on sleep. His work is done—and what a work was his! From his facile pen flashes of wit and wisdom beamed about us like the sun's rays, and cheered many a drooping spirit, even while, at times, his own heart was burdened and bleeding. His lips distilled counsel unvaried in its soundness, and his cheering smile and kindly words soon melted the icy barrier of formality, and drew every one with whom he became acquainted into the genial sunshine of his warm and loving heart.

"I fear not contradiction when I assert that in the various departments of labor to which this Grand Chapter called him, and in which he wrought so nobly, he had no peer. Upon no brow here will his 'poet laureate crown' be placed, and the name of CORSON, that has already become a household word in Masonic circles, will be enshrined in the memory of Royal Craftsmen, not in the United States only, but in Great Britain and the Canadas. Death has made a breach in our ranks that time will never repair. His light is extinguished and his station is vacant. Another companion succeeds to his labor, but who can do his work? And even if there were an hundred equally competent, will we miss him any the less? Will no eye unconsciously turn towards his usual station? Will no ear be attuned to hear the familiar sound of his voice, as we from time to time gather in our Annual Convocations?

"Companions, he is not lost to us. He has only stepped out of 'the gate looking towards the east,' and entered upon his rest and reward."

Our companions of New Jersey have our heart-felt sympathy in their affliction. There was but one CORSON, and alas! "he is not."

The deaths of three other companions are announced, and fitting tributes paid to their memories.

We note the following decisions :—

"A blank vote should be counted in the aggregate, but it is neutral as to the question."

The first of the following decisions we confess our inability to understand. It is beyond comprehension from our present light on the subject :—

"Upon the withdrawal of an acquired petition, the material reverts to the original jurisdiction." More light!

"Regular convocations cease when a Chapter is closed; all subsequent action becomes special."

He recommended the recognition by the Grand Chapter of the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales; which was done.

He is duly impressed with the importance of Reports on Correspondence, for he says :—

"I am convinced if the officers of our subordinate Chapters gave more attention to the Reports on Foreign Correspondence, they would be better qualified to discharge the duties of the important stations they are called to occupy. The information contained therein is, in my judgment, invaluable."

He alludes to the question of finances somewhat sarcastically, as follows :—

"You will be called upon at this session to act upon the amendment to the 16th General Regulation, presented by E. Comp. J. B. SCOTT, of Pentalpha, No. 11, for the reduction of dues from subordinate Chapters. I do not call your attention to this subject because of its incongruous reference (Appeals and Grievances). It may be a *grievance* to some Chapters, who have had but little work for a few years past, to pay dues, and occasionally we respond to *appeals* made to this Grand Body for their remission; but if legislation is called for, it should rather be directed towards an increase of revenue, otherwise you may legislate yourselves into a condition of bankruptcy, and make it necessary to *appeal* to your subordinates to liquidate your *grievous* debts."

Of the state of the Order, he says :—

"So far as I have been able to judge from personal observation, and the reports of my associates, peace reigns throughout our borders, and we have reason to congratulate ourselves for a fair degree of prosperity. The revival of business, which is being felt in all parts of our country, has not yet reached the avenues of Masonry, save here and there a ripple. Usually, after so long a dearth, there comes a year of plenty. If this be your fortune, companions, guard well the outer doors, and see that your overseers are at their posts."

The Committee on "Foreign Correspondence," presented the following report, which was adopted :—

"The removal by death of the Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, *M. E.* Companion THOMAS J. CORSON, is an event in relation to this committee that has deprived it of the reliance upon which it rested, and the undersigned, members thereof, respectfully request that they be permitted to report the list of printed proceedings received, and that they may be discharged from further duties, believing this course to be the most complimentary that can be offered to the memory of their chief, who so long wielded the pen in connection with this subject."

The committee upon "Death of *M. E.* Comp. THOMAS J. CORSON" presented a lengthy and feeling report, in which they say :—

"The memory of his faithful services to the fraternity, his firm adherence to its teachings and principles, his great acquirements in its jurisprudence, strict observance of its landmarks, untiring and valuable labors for its advancement and prosperity, and the dignity and ability with which he filled the high offices, are deserving of the most honorable mention and lasting record by his surviving companions.

"As a Grand Chapter, we deeply sympathize with the relatives and friends of our departed companion, and tender to them our sincere condolence in their sad bereavement."

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Trenton on the eighth day of September, 1880.

Thirty-five subordinate Chapters are borne upon the registry, with a total membership of two thousand six hundred and ninety-nine.

The *M. E.* JAMES H. DURAND was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GEORGE B. EDWARDS was elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW YORK.

The eighty-second Annual Convocation of this venerable Grand Body was held in the city of Albany on the fourth day of February, 1879,—the *M. E.* DAVID F. DAY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* CHRISTOPHER G. FOX being Grand Secretary. One hundred and eighty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a carefully prepared and instructive paper, and contains much that is well worthy the careful consideration of the Craft.

During the year that has closed, he says: "No new Chapters have been constituted, and the records of the subordinates reveal no such increase of membership as they have done in former years; yet the increase has been respectable." He thinks it a favorable indication of the condition of the Order in that State that, "during a period of such general business depression the number who have dimitted or have been suspended for non-payment of dues is relatively inconsiderable." He gives the following bit of retrospective history:—

"It is recorded in our annals that on the fourteenth day of March, 1798, eleven Royal Arch Masons, representing the five Chapters then within this State, met by appointment in Temple Lodge room, in what was at that time as it is now, our Capitol City, and then and there organized this Grand Chapter. Deep and well did they lay its foundations. Through all the vicissitudes and varying fortunes of succeeding years, they have never been removed. Their choice for Grand High Priest was as wise as it was fortunate. DR. WITT CLINTON, then of the age of twenty-nine years, his civic honors and his great renown still to come, was called to that office. I regret that 'the pathetic and affectionate address,' (to use the language of the record,) which he delivered upon that occasion, is lost beyond recovery. It would be alike pleasant and profitable to know what, upon that occasion, his exalted intellect and capacious heart offered to his companions. But I do not doubt that his prescient mind, which could forecast the glorious destiny of the commonwealth, predicted, upon that occasion, how in the course of years, our lines should be enlarged, our tabernacles multiplied, and the benign and humanizing influences of our Institution diffused through regions of the State, which were then unnamed and unexplored."

Quite a difference is presented between the five Chapters and eleven members which took part in the organization eighty-two years ago, and the one hundred and ninety-one Chapters and nearly seventeen thousand members of to-day. "Since that day of small things but of grand conceptions, how steady and honorable has been its progress! What an array of noble names appear upon its rolls! Genius and Learning, Eloquence and Philosophy have not been strangers here. The ingenious artisan, the skilled physician, the profound jurist, the devout and faithful minister of God—all have been happy to share in the service of our sanctuary."

He is of the opinion that the merging of the Council and Chapter degrees cannot be accomplished until the General Grand Chapter shall have taken action in the matter, and given its approval to the proposition, in which opinion we concur.

He expresses his regret at the action taken by the Grand Orient of France, in declaring that a faith in the existence of God was no longer a pre-requisite to becoming a Mason, and thinks the Chapters in this country, in vindication of the character of Royal Arch Masonry, ought to "place the declaration upon imperishable record, that a belief in the Supreme Architect of the Universe is an essential qualification for Masonic candidature." "Nor," he says, "in another point of view, would the declaration be ill-timed. We have observed, not without apprehension and pain, the persistent efforts of that clamorous school of sociolists, who would have us believe that the idea of God is a delusion, and that Man has no other hereafter than the brute, which they point out as his progenitor. If the re-assertion of our faith were only to encourage those who are contending against these monstrous errors, it seems to me that it should be made. What place would there be for Masonry in a world of atheists?"

Again he does battle valiantly for the Order in the following:—

"Since our last assembly, in various places, there have been the usual manifestations of anti-masonic feeling. Zealots have met in convention, indulged in distempered harangues, and passed their resolutions of condemnation. They have given me very little alarm. I chiefly regret that well-meaning men, (as doubtless, in most instances, they are,) following prejudice rather than reason, should have misconstrued our motives and denied that our mission in the world is good. Let us not answer them with any 'railing accusation.' Rather let the fact, that we have been thus misunderstood, stimulate us to be all the more earnest in our offices of Friendship, Charity, and Brotherly Love. Thus will their denunciations best be answered."

"Here, I think I may with some propriety advert, for a moment, to the attitude, sometimes of disfavor, sometimes of positive hostility, which has been assumed

towards us by several religious bodies, in this country and elsewhere. Our disclaimer has been upon record, for many generations, that we dictate articles of faith to no one. We have proclaimed it always, that, as Masons, it is our duty to treat with entire respect the convictions of all good men. It has therefore brought me surprise as well as pain, whenever Prelate or Church has used towards us terms of reprobation. Why have they not believed us when we have told them that Masonry neither usurps nor seeks to usurp the place, the function or the office of the Church? That it simply seeks, in its own peculiar way, to do something for the cause of poor humanity? Is it possible that they fear that their own sacred mission is thereby endangered? Do they adjudge us to be rivals? That were as though Jupiter should, in his wide orbit, grow mutinous and revolt, because there are other planetary bodies, which revolve with him around the great Central Luminary, and are fed with light from that abundant and unfailing source."

He pays a just tribute to the memory of the *M. E.* and venerable Comp. EZRA SMITH BARNUM, Past Grand High Priest, whose portrait adorns the published proceedings, and who died in the city of Utica on the twentieth day of February, 1879, at the advanced age of eighty-six years. He also announces the death of Comp. ORRIN WELCH, and of *M. E.* ROBERT R. BOYD, Past Grand High Priest, both shining lights in Masonry, who, though dead, will ever live in the memories of their companions.

The following decisions were announced :—

A brother was elected to receive the degrees in a Chapter, within whose jurisdiction he resided, in 1866. Before receiving any of the degrees he removed to Pennsylvania, where he resided until 1877. He then returned to New York, and took up his residence within the jurisdiction of a Chapter other than the one in which he was elected. He then applied to the Chapter which elected him to confer the degrees upon him. The Grand High Priest decided that the Chapter, by reason of his change of residence, had lost jurisdiction over him.

In this connection he suggested that some time should be prescribed within which a candidate should present himself after election.

A dispensation was asked to enable a Chapter to re-ballot upon the application of a rejected applicant for the degrees, on the ground that it was supposed that the rejection had occurred through misapprehension.

He denied the application, for the reason "that with a proper regard to the secrecy of the ballot it should have been impossible for any one to ascertain upon what ground the candidate had been rejected. I also gave it as my judgment, that a rejection, whatever may be the attendant circumstances, ought, when once positively announced, to be regarded as conclusive upon the petition, and, for that reason, that it was beyond the proper authority of the Grand High Priest to issue the dispensation."

With all deference to the high authority from whence this decision comes, we must beg leave to dissent. We acknowledge that the secrecy of the ballot should be maintained as a general principle; but when a companion has cast a rejecting ballot through a misapprehension of facts, by which an injury has been inflicted upon an innocent party, we see no impropriety in his making it known to the High Priest, or in that officer asking for a dispensation to re-ballot. We do not believe that the laws of Masonry are intended to be so strict that a wrong cannot be righted.

He decided that a brother is eligible as a candidate for the degrees in the Chapter "as soon as he has actually and in good faith become a resident within its territorial jurisdiction." Our California rule requires that a candidate shall have resided within the jurisdiction of a Chapter for a period of six months next preceding the date of his application.

The question, "whether the Tyler of a Chapter might be counted as one of the nine Royal Arch Masons necessary to be present at the opening of a Chapter?" was answered in the affirmative.

He decided, in answer to a question, that, "in the absence of any provision of the by-laws to the contrary, a companion, though in arrears for dues, may be elected to

hold office in the Chapter." Also, that a High Priest who has been re-elected, should be re-obligated and re-installed. We concur.

He is not in favor of suspension for non-payment of dues, and says that an investigation would disclose the fact that there are within the State as many as five thousand companions who, since the adoption of the present Constitution, have been suspended for non-payment of dues.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the matter was referred, candidly acknowledged that the subject was too weighty for them to wrestle with, and recommended that its consideration be deferred to the next Annual Convocation.

The Grand High Priest also recommended a revision of the Constitution, and the matter was referred to a committee, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

We give the following synopsis of the returns from the report of the Grand Secretary, which shows a large decrease of membership during the year:—

Number Exalted during the year.....	662
"    Affiliated    "    "    "    .....	85
"    Restored    "    "    "    .....	86
Total increase.....	833
Number Dimited.....	325
"    Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	1,156
"    "    unmasonic conduct.....	6
"    Expelled.....	4
"    Died.....	221
Total decrease.....	1,712
Net decrease.....	879

A Council of High Priests was opened on the first day of the session, and thirty-five companions were duly "anointed, consecrated and solemnly set apart to the office of High Priest, in ample form."

The following resolution was referred to the Committee on "Constitution and Laws," to report at the next Annual Convocation:—

"Resolved, That Section 26 of the Constitution be amended, so that the same shall read as follows:—

"SECTION 26. The installation of officers in a Chapter shall take place at the time of election, or within thirty days thereafter. And it is the imperative duty of a High Priest elect to receive the Order of High Priesthood; and no High Priest shall be permitted to preside over his Chapter, after the Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter succeeding his election, until he shall have received the Order, which shall be conferred upon him under the direction of this Grand Chapter during its Annual Convocation, and without fee, none being present but regularly anointed High Priests."

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address relative to the action of the Grand Orient of France, presented the following report, which was "adopted unanimously, and by a rising vote:"—

"The committee appointed to consider and report upon that part of the Annual Address of the Grand High Priest which refers to the unmasonic action of our brethren of France, by which they have expunged from their code of statutes the fundamental Masonic principle of a belief in the existence of a Supreme Being as a prerequisite to being made a Mason, recommend the adoption of the following:—

"WHEREAS, A firm belief in Almighty God has always been recognized as among the foundation principles of Freemasonry, and has always been regarded as among the necessary qualifications of candidates for the several degrees of the Craft, and

"WHEREAS, The Grand Orient of France has expunged this fundamental principle of Freemasonry from its statute book, and, under the pretext of vindicating liberty of conscience, has, in effect, declared that the atheist may be made a Mason, and may unite with believing men in the service of the sanctuary;

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter, as one of the Sovereign Masonic Bodies of this State, hereby declares that a belief in Almighty God is an absolute principle and landmark, a *sine qua non*, in Freemasonry, and that this belief is an indispensable prerequisite in all candidates for any of its degrees, and that it cannot consent



to any abrogation of this ancient regulation, nor to any concession to the principles of atheism in whatever form or guise they may be presented.

"*Resolved*, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, the attitude thus assumed by the Grand Orient of France, is in opposition to the lessons of every degree in Freemasonry, and repugnant to all the tenets and doctrines of the Institution.

"*Resolved*, That the Grand Orient of France, having thus repudiated and abandoned a principle which, through all the years of Masonic history, has been preserved by the Craft as one of the highest importance and value, and, upon which alone, in the judgment of this Body, the character of the Institution can safely rest, this Grand Chapter, profoundly regretting the occasion which compels the step, hereby declines to hold any further Masonic relations with the Grand Orient of France, its subordinates and members.

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter, animated by the most fraternal feelings, hereby solemnly adjures the Grand Orient of France to revoke its action, and to withdraw the invitation which it has extended to godless men, to assume obligations which, to them, can have no sanctity, and to participate in a service which, to them, can be no more than a hollow and heartless mockery.

"*Resolved*, That all Chapters and companions under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter are hereby interdicted and enjoined from holding any Masonic intercourse with brethren and companions owing allegiance to the Grand Orient of France, until it shall be otherwise ordered.

All of which is fraternally submitted,

JAMES BYRON MURRAY,  
THOMAS S. PYCOTT,  
GEORGE R. VAN DE WATER.

The following report of the Committee on Jurisprudence, in which two questions of Masonic law are involved, will be of interest to the Craft. The first question is, "Has the King or Scribe of a Chapter the right to open and work it in the absence of the High Priest and the charter?" Second, "Has the Deputy Grand High Priest power to open, preside over and work a Chapter, its High Priest and charter not being present?"

The committee say:—

"The warrant of a Chapter is the highest evidence of its legal existence, and its preservation and custody are therefore matters of serious consideration. Masonic law has prescribed who shall be its custodian, (it can have but one custodian,) and, in case of his absence, to whom its custody shall be transferred; and there is therefore no necessity for us to consider that question, nor have we any disposition to qualify the rule further than to construe it in consistence with certain well-established principles. The High Priest of a Chapter is primarily the custodian of a warrant, and, in case of his absence, it is his imperative duty to transfer its custody to the King or Scribe, in regular succession. If he fails in that duty he is amenable to authority; but, must his failure to comply with that rule, suppress the work of the Chapter? Which is most important, that the work of the Chapter shall regularly proceed, or that the evidence of the authority for that work shall at all times be palpably visible to the senses? It has been held, and we think properly, that it is not absolutely necessary that it should be present in the Chapter, provided it is known to be in existence and under the control of its proper custodian. It is simply a question of evidence, the highest of which is of course its tangible, visible presence. But this does not exclude the idea of secondary evidence, provided it be satisfactory to the parties concerned; nor does it relieve the custodian from responsibility in case he has failed to discharge his duty. But the question returns, shall the carelessness or forgetfulness of the custodian for the time being arrest the work of the Chapter? We think this would be a very arbitrary construction of a well settled rule; it appears to us "grasping at the shadow and letting go the substance." The Chapter is in full vitality; it has parted with none of its rightful powers; it has simply been deprived by accident (as in this case) of the highest evidence of the possession of these powers. Our conclusion, therefore, is, that under the facts of this case, as presented to us, the King of *Ridgewood* Chapter acted rightfully in opening and working the Chapter on the occasion referred to.

"The second question is whether a Deputy Grand High Priest has the power to open and work a Chapter, or cause it to be done in the absence of the High Priest and the warrant? The usage of this jurisdiction has given to the Grand High Priest and the Deputy Grand High Priest the same powers in this respect as are given to the Grand Master and his Deputy, and the power may be traced back distinctly for over half a century. We do not believe that this power has been, or will be, exercised by either, under any other circumstances than such as are strictly in compliance with Masonic law and usage, nor do we believe that they have the power so

"to do."

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. DARIUS A. OGDEN, is a model one, and its perusal, except in one instance, has afforded us much pleasure. He commences his report with a brief review of the transactions of his own Grand Chapter; a capital idea, in our opinion, although some of the reportorial corps think differently. Comp. OGDEN says:—

"Some of our companion reporters think it a little out of order, not to say inconsistent, to commence a *Foreign Correspondence* Report with a review of the proceedings of our own Grand Chapter. We do not so understand it. Our aim and purpose is to give information to, as well as to gather in knowledge from, the outside; thus strictly complying with the grand purpose of a committee on correspondence. We are commissioned to go with fraternal greetings, and to inform companions of other jurisdictions of our proceedings, our progress, and our regard for the "Mystic tie," which binds into one grand Fraternity the Royal Craft in all parts of our great country, and of the world beyond."

He then proceeds to review the transactions of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, also those of a body styled the "First Independent African Grand Chapter of Missouri." We think Comp. OGDEN, in giving this Body a prominent place in his report, has acted somewhat injudiciously. He says:—

"Exactly how we are to place and regard "The First Independent African G. R. A. Chapter of the State of Missouri," we are at some loss to determine; we hardly think, strictly speaking, it is a clandestine body, at any rate not in any very wicked sense; nor do we suppose it conflicts with or disturbs the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of Missouri, which, for over thirty-two years has existed and exercised jurisdiction over Capitular Masonry in Missouri."

Now this body of men claiming to be Masons are, to all intents and purposes, a clandestine body. They exist within the jurisdiction of a legally constituted and recognized Grand Body, governing all lawful Chapters of Royal Arch Masons in the State of Missouri. It does not "disturb the Grand Chapter of Missouri," it is true; because that Grand Chapter, holding it to be a clandestine body, pays no attention to it, but leaves it, as we should do, severely alone. We are willing that our colored friends should get together and play Masonry as much as they please; but we do not believe it wise to give them a quasi recognition by publishing their transactions in the Reports of our Grand Chapters.

California for 1878 receives a kindly and fraternal notice. He appears to be in doubt as to the meaning of one of the decisions of Comp. KNAPP, and inquires:—

"What does the Grand High Priest mean by the following decision? What kind of investigation does it become subject to? Is it by the Chapter, by a committee, by the Grand High Priest, or by whom? We can hardly see where such an investigation would begin or where it would end. The objection, if made by one authorized to make it, must be conclusive just as much before any degree as after one degree has been conferred, so it seems to us."

The decision referred to is as follows:—

"Any objection before the applicant had received the first, or Mark degree, has the effect of a black ball and cannot be questioned; but if one or more degrees have been conferred before the objection is interposed, it then becomes the subject of investigation."

For the information of Comp. OGDEN we will state that, under our law, an objection made after one or more degrees have been conferred, must be referred to a committee, who investigate its merits, and make their report to the Chapter, when, if in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present the objection is not considered valid, the Chapter may proceed to confer the remaining degree or degrees upon the candidate, as if no objection had been interposed; otherwise, otherwise.

He commends our action on the question of the transfer of the Council degrees. On this subject he says:—

"We think our companions of California have acted wisely, and more considerably than those who have pursued a different course. The question is not by any means all on one side, and, in many jurisdictions, the change proposed will, we suspect, be strenuously opposed."

Had Comp. OGDEN possessed a knowledge of our law, he would not have made the following criticism upon one of the reports of our Committee on Jurisprudence :—

"In reply to a question referred to it, the Committee on Jurisprudence reported, 'that a member expelled by a Lodge and restored by the Grand Lodge, lost his membership in the Chapter, and could only regain it by petition and election.' To us this does not seem to be good law; let us see. The member of the Lodge is accused and arraigned; he denies the charge, and trial takes place; at the very outset there comes into action a principle of law and justice, viz.: 'that the accused is to be held innocent until he is proven guilty.' Now, does not this axiom of law, this humane principle, follow all along the proceedings until final action, or until the jurisdiction over the case is exhausted? And when is that? Not surely at the end of the Lodge trial, for he has a right to appeal to the Grand Lodge, and the whole proceedings are in suspense till this body of dernier resort has acted. If, reverses the decision of the subordinate body, it by that act acquits, and the member retains his rights and privileges—in other words, he is declared innocent. At no time while the action against him was progressing was he proven or found guilty, for the trial was not ended and his right of defense exhausted. But we are told that the Lodge by formal vote expels him after conviction by it; but if the accused appeals, it must stay all proceedings and stop all penalties until the higher body passes upon it; for that has appellate jurisdiction and the right to reverse, and so all remains *in statu quo*, and innocence covers the accused with its mantle of charity, and until the guilt is fixed he may not be made to suffer nor be legally and properly expelled. Could a premature, or an illegal expulsion by a Lodge sever the member thus improperly dealt with from the Chapter to which he belongs? If by a rule of the Lodge the member lost his membership by the vote of expulsion, yet during the pendency of an appeal, which is but part of the action to maintain his plea of not guilty, the Chapter to which he belongs must hold him as a non-affiliated Mason and innocent of the charge, the trial not being ended. In the above we have alluded to the rule applicable in civil tribunals; are the rules applicable to accused brethren less liberal than the profane practice in civil cases? We think not.

Sec. 8, of Article XXIV, of our Constitution, says: "If it, (the sentence) be suspension or expulsion, it shall at once go into effect, and the Secretary shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary thereof."

The accused has the right to appeal to the Grand Chapter, provided he gives notice to the High Priest of such intended appeal within thirty days after the result of the trial has been announced.

The good things in this report are many, and there is much that we would be glad to notice, but our review of New York has already exceeded the ordinary bounds, and we must forbear.

An interesting, eloquent and highly instructive lecture was given by the R. E. and Rev. JAMES BYRON MURRAY, Grand Chaplain, on the life and character of SOLOMON, King of Israel. We extract the following "Rabbinical history which recounts his death."

"King Solomon stood in his crown of gold  
Between the pillars, before the altar,  
In the House of the Lord. And the King was old,  
And his strength began to falter,  
So that he leaned on his ebony staff,  
Sealed with the seal of the Pentagraph.

And the King stood still as a carven king,  
The carven cedarn beams below,  
In his purple robe, with his signet ring,  
And his beard was as white as snow,  
And his face to the Oracle, where the Hymn  
Dies under the wing of the Cherubim.

And it came to pass as the King stood there,  
And looked on the house he had built with pride,  
That the hand of the Lord came unawares  
And touched him; so that he died,  
In his purple robe, with his signet ring,  
And the crown wherewith they had crowned him king.

And the stream of the folk that came and went  
To worship the Lord with prayer and praise

Went softly ever, in wonderment,  
 For the King stood there always;  
 And it was solemn and strange to behold  
 That dead King crowned with a crown of gold.

For he leaned on his ebony staff upright,  
 And over his shoulders the purple robe,  
 And his hair and his head were both snow white,  
 And the fame of him filled the globe;  
 So that none dared touch him though he was dead,  
 He looked so royal about the head.

And the moons were changed and the years rolled on;  
 And a new King reigned in the old King's stead;  
 And men were married and buried anon;  
 But the King stood, stark and dead;  
 Leaning upright on his ebony staff;  
 Preserved by the sign of the Pentagraph.

And the stream of life as it went and came,  
 Ever for worship and praise and prayer,  
 Was awed by the face and the fear and the fame  
 Of the dead King standing there;  
 For his hair was so white and his eyes so cold  
 That they left him alone with his crown of gold.

So King SOLOMON stood up, dead in the House  
 Of the Lord, held there by the Pentagraph,  
 Until out from a pillar there ran a red monse  
 And gnawed through his ebony staff;  
 Then flat on his face the King fell down,  
 And they picked from the dust a golden crown."

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of this State held its thirty-first Annual Convocation in the town of Durham on the third day of June, 1879,—the *M. E.* CHARLES W. ALEXANDER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* DONALD W. BAIN being Grand Secretary. Ten subordinate Chapters were represented; seventeen being the number making returns.

No dispensations for the formation of new Chapters were granted. But one decision was made by the Grand High Priest, viz: "that exclusion from the rights and privileges of the Chapter," in other words, striking from the roll is the severest penalty that can be inflicted for non-payment of dues, and that a companion thus stricken from the roll, stands in the relation of a non-affiliate. This is not in accordance with our ideas, but we presume it is good law in North Carolina.

The Grand High Priest in his Address, calls attention to the provision in their Constitution, requiring a companion to be eligible to the office of High Priest of a Chapter, first to have filled by election and installation, the office of King or Scribe. He says:—

"While I think this a good rule, in order to prepare one for the responsible duties of High Priest, I also think that the same qualifications ought to be required of those who attain positions in the council of the Grand Chapter. As the law now is, a companion in good standing in a subordinate Chapter, can be elevated from the floor to the office of Grand High Priest, without ever having passed the council of the subordinate Chapter."

We think if the rule in the subordinate Chapters were the same as in the Grand Chapter, the result would be beneficial to them; possibly a degree of energy and zeal might be infused into them by the election of new men from the floor, and that infusion is evidently what our companions of North Carolina need at the present time. Cheapening the price of dispensations, to form new Chapters, or a withdrawal of allegiance from the General Grand Chapter (as hinted at) will be of no benefit. It is not new Chapters that you require, companions, but a little life in those you

already have. It shows a lamentable lack of interest in the Order when, out of forty-eight Chapters chartered by the Grand Chapter, only seventeen exist, and some of them in a dormant state. Wake up, companions, and shake off the lethargy which is consuming your vital energies. Your committee on the "Progress of Capitular Masonry in North Carolina," hit the nail squarely on the head in their report, which says:—

"We fear that the want of progress has been largely due to the lack among us of that fervency and zeal which should characterize all Royal Arch Masons. For the remedy we appeal to the officers of the several Chapters; confident that greater proficiency in a knowledge of the work, greater promptness to their stations, and a stricter enforcement of the regulations, will be attended with greater profit and pleasure in our Order."

The following preamble and resolutions were adopted:—

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter holds that an expressed belief in God as the Supreme Ruler of the Universe, is a pre-requisite qualification in candidates for the degrees in Masonry; and

"WHEREAS, The Grand Orient of France has eliminated this fundamental principle from the Constitution; therefore

"Resolved, That this Grand Chapter hereby forbids its subordinates from holding any Masonic intercourse with the said Grand Orient of France, or any of its outgrowth, and that we will not yield our assent to any weakening of this ancient regulation, believing it to be the basis upon which our perpetuity as an Order rests.

"Resolved, That it is the sense of this Grand Body that, in considering the question of a constitutional quorum for opening a Royal Arch Chapter, the Tyler, if a member of the Chapter, shall be included as one of the number.

"Resolved, That no subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be opened or called on, except for conferring degrees, unless there be nine members of said Chapter present."

The chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, Comp. JAMES SOUTHGATE, acknowledged the receipt of the proceedings of twenty-nine Grand Chapters, but begged to be excused from making a report on account of illness. We trust our companion's health will be speedily restored, and that he will be able to greet us next year with his usual able report.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, submits the following statement and recommendations, which recommendations were adopted by the Grand Chapter:—

"Many of our Chapters, on account of their inability to meet the requirement of the Constitution as to the payment of annual dues, which produced financial depression, have ceased work. Thus the number of active chapters on the register has been reduced to such an extent as to place this Grand Body in a position scarcely equal, numerically and financially, to many other jurisdictions of far less population and territory, some of which had a beginning long after this Body had become venerable.

"In view of the improbability of the resuscitation of these Chapters as long as their indebtedness to this Body remains uncanceled, I respectfully recommend that their dues to the 30th of April, 1879, be remitted (thus forgiving any claim for dues that might arise as a pre-requisite to their re-organization), and that their charters and property be restored to them.

"I further suggest that the Grand High Priest be requested, in the exercise of his authority under Article IX. of the Constitution, to extend such facilities to these Chapters as may be necessary to secure their re-organization."

The M. E. C. M. VAN ORSDILL was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. DONALD W. BAIN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

This Grand Chapter held its eighth Annual Convocation in the city of Halifax on the fifth day of June, 1877,—the M. E. CHARLES J. McDONALD, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES GOSSIF being Grand Secretary.

These proceedings did not reach us in time for review in our last report, and we therefore notice them briefly here.

The Grand High Priest decided that no balloting for candidates should take place when less than nine members of a Chapter were present. In the "Committee of Gen-

eral Purposes," an attempt was made to limit the number to seven; but the matter was finally laid over until the next Annual Convocation.

The Grand Secretary reports considerable apathy prevailing among the subordinate Chapters, and consequently very little work done. This he attributes to the continued business depression throughout the Province.

A Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was held at Halifax on the third day of September following, for the purpose of constituting a Chapter under dispensation.

The ninth Annual Convocation was held at the same place on the fourth day of June, 1878,—the *M. E.* BENJAMIN CURREN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES GOSSIP being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally confined to matters of local interest. He refers to the Special Convocation called for the purpose of constituting *Prince of Wales* Chapter of Sydney, Cape Breton, as a departure from ordinary custom, and without precedent, &c. The facts were as follows: The new Chapter being located at a considerable distance from Halifax, no qualified companion could be found to undertake the journey and set the machinery of the new Chapter in motion, so, as Mahomet could not go to the mountain, the mountain was compelled to come to Mahomet. The High Priest was sent for, and came to Halifax; a Special Convocation of the Grand Chapter was called; the new Chapter was constituted (one member being present), and the High Priest installed. The proceeding was, to say the least, a novel one, but as our Nova Scotia companions are satisfied, we have no reason to complain.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter, and a special dispensation was granted to a subordinate to walk in procession and attend Divine service on Sunday after St. John's day, December 26th. (We had always supposed St. John's day to occur on the 27th day of December.)

The Grand Chapter of Quebec received fraternal recognition.

A resolution was adopted allowing the subordinate Chapters to return as "*missing*" any member whose residence or address is not known for three successive years. We presume then that each Chapter will, counting the expelled and suspended, make regular returns of its *killed, wounded and missing*.

The minimum sum for conferring the degrees was fixed at twenty dollars.

The question of the legal number necessary to open a Chapter for business, laid over from the last Convocation, was fixed at seven. Why not at five, or three?

There are ten chartered Chapters and one under dispensation upon the registry, with a total membership of 446.

The *M. E.* WILLIAM A. HESSON was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JAMES GOSSIP was re-elected Grand Secretary. Owing to the depleted state of the treasury, no Report on Correspondence is published; but the financial cloud is rapidly passing away, and we hope soon to receive the usual report from Nova Scotia.

#### OHIO.

The sixty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Akron, on the sixteenth day of October, 1879,—the *M. E.* JAMES W. UNDERHILL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JAMES NESBIT being Grand Secretary. One hundred and thirteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, complains of neglect on the part of members to attend the regular meetings of their Chapters, and that this neglect, in individual cases, is manifested to such an extent as to call for decisive measures on the part of the Grand Chapter. "Measures," he says, "which shall call them to renew their Masonic faith and revive their drooping energies, or surrender their charters." He thinks "the influence of a drone is worse than that of a profane; the one disgraces the Order, while the other has only a negative influence." He believes that much might be done to correct the evil by a proper system of visitations, and in this he is no doubt correct. He suggests that Secretaries, in making their Annual

Returns, be required to report the number of regular meetings which were held by their respective Chapters at which a quorum was present. The suggestion is a good one, and would no doubt act as a stimulant to the Chapters to make as good a showing as possible.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter.

In one of the subordinate Chapters, objection was made to the installation of the officers elect, and discord usurped the throne of harmony. The Grand High Priest, accompanied by an ex-Grand Scribe, visited the inharmonious Chapter, set aside the election, held a new one, installed the officers; all were satisfied, and the troubled waters were stilled. So much for energetic action. The treatment was somewhat heroic, but the patient recovered.

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Chapters of the District of Columbia, Iowa and Nevada.

Fraternal tributes are paid to the memories of Past Grand High Priest George REX, and I. E. F. HOLMEAD, first Grand High Priest of the District of Columbia.

Among a large number of questions submitted to the Grand High Priest, was one relative to the "rights and privileges of non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons to participate, or be heard, in the conduct of the Chapter, and present charges." He replied, that "the non-affiliated have no such rights, they have no part or lot whatever in the management or control of the institution, are not entitled to Masonic charity or to receive Masonic burial. The only thing remaining to them is that they are subject to Masonic discipline, and may be suspended or expelled for unmasonic conduct." He says further:—

"The idea that once a Mason always a Mason is well enough in theory, but it is time that the minds of non-affiliated Masons should be disabused, and that they should understand that he who does not support with his purse, as well as give his influence for the welfare and perpetuity of the Royal Craft is worthy of no Masonic consideration, and should be dealt with accordingly. It seems to me that some active measures should be taken to place the drones of Masonry in their proper position, and make them understand that they are entitled to no Masonic consideration. My opinion is that a R. A. Mason who remains non-affiliated from choice for an undue length of time should be treated as a profane."

We consign him to the tender mercies of Comp. DADMON of Massachusetts.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$922 46.

From the returns of the subordinate Chapters, we learn that during the year, three hundred and fifty-two were suspended, and twenty-nine expelled.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. THOMAS J. MELLISH, and is an interesting and courteous review of the transactions of thirty-two Grand Chapters, California for 1879 included. He praises our report of last year, but curtails it of its fair proportions by saying that it was of fifty-six pages, and embracing only twenty Grand Chapters. Look again Companion, and you will find that the transactions of thirty Grand Chapters were received, filling fifty-eight pages of the Proceedings.

Relative to our rule suspending delinquents for non-payment of dues, he says:—

"So it is with us, Comp. CASWELL, and we may add that no suspended companion is cut off from Masonry finally, until after formal charges are presented of "unmasonic conduct," to which he is always summoned to respond, just as in all other cases."

If charges are preferred in every case of delinquency in the matter of dues, we presume, as a matter of course, that a trial follows. If so, we think where three hundred and fifty-two members were suspended in one year, the Chapters could have found time for little else than trying their members. We favor no such waste of time. If a member is delinquent, we notify him of the fact, and if at the time specified in the notification he fails to pay, or give some excuse for non-payment, he is suspended without further ceremony.

Under the head of Arkansas, he says:—

"The most important business of the session was the transfer of the Council de-

greed, really to the *Chapter*, but nominally to a *Council appendant to the Chapter*; the reason for this is, that under the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, the Council degrees cannot be conferred in a Chapter. Each Council is held under the warrant of the Chapter to which it is appendant, and all are under the government of the Grand Chapter; but when the Grand Chapter legislates concerning the ritual, or secret work, it must resolve itself into a Grand Council from which all members of the Grand Chapter, not Royal and Select Masters, are excluded. But *quære*, is it a Grand Chapter, when opened as a Grand Council? If so, what right has it to exclude any of its members? If not the Grand Chapter, is it anything more than an irresponsible convention of Masons, assembled by no other legal authority than their own will? The plan was consummated and the Grand Council dissolved."

In his conclusion he says:—

"Freemasonry has its highest value in cementing the bonds of brotherhood among men. We have seen in our annual review evidences of this on every hand. There has not been a word calculated to stir up strife, but everything calculated to unite forever the ligaments of a true fraternal and national unity.

"Another cause of gratitude in our annual review has been the fact that French Atheism or French Positivism (if any one prefers that milder expression), finds absolutely no moral support whatever among the Masons of America.

"Under the deceitful plea of liberty of conscience, which means the liberty of Masons to be atheists if they please, the French Masons of the Grand Orient have taken the Royal Arch tools—the crow, pick-axe and spade—not to rebuild the temple of the true and living Jehovah, but to undermine the temple of the great I AM, and, if possible, to topple it in the dust. But they get no aid or comfort from a living Royal Arch Mason on this side of the ocean. Every one who has written or spoken in behalf of Capitular Masonry, in the whole periphery of our investigation, has protested against the murderous French innovation, which would reduce all the lessons of Royal Arch Masonry to the silliest superstition, worthy of universal contempt!"

In the jurisdiction there are one hundred and thirty-six chartered Chapters, and three under dispensation, having a total membership of eight thousand four hundred and fifty-nine.

The *M. E.* JAMES B. Hovey was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JAMES NESBITT was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### OREGON.

We failed to connect with Oregon last year, and, per consequence, have two annuals to review. The eighteenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Portland on the seventh day of June, 1878,—the *M. E.* J. B. LEE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* R. P. EARNHART being Grand Secretary. Twelve subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief and breathes the very essence of peace and harmony. He says:—

"Our meeting is under circumstances as favorable, and in the full tide of a prosperity equal to our fondest hopes, but not beyond, let us trust, what we have striven at least to merit. And while we are gathered here in the beauty of early summer, the delightful month of roses, with sunny skies, balmy breezes and fragrant flowers above and about us, and an atmosphere of harmony, peace and contentment around us, let us remember that as the roses bloom only under the warmth of the summer sun and the kisses of the refreshing dew, so will our Royal Craft ever flourish best under the warmth of true Masonic hearts actuated by that affection born of God, that counts all men Brothers indeed, and under the influence of that Charity that drops from Heaven like the gentle dew, bringing refreshing joy and peace to wounded hearts, and health and happiness to affliction and trouble."

A beautiful sentiment happily expressed.

The Grand Secretary in his report, says:—

"The number of voting members of this Grand Chapter present at the last Annual Convocation were fifty-two; the number of voting members in attendance this year is sixty-four—a marked contrast with our condition some eight years since, when our Annual Convocation was composed of barely a constitutional number."

The special committee to whom was referred the report of the Grand Lecturer, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—



"Your committee, to whom was referred the report of the Grand Lecturer, beg leave to report that we have had the same under consideration, and find that it is impossible, with the remuneration paid by the Grand Chapter, for him to visit all the Chapters and instruct them in the work; and we would recommend that the State be districted, and the High Priests, or some one designated by him, be required to meet the Grand Lecturer at such time and place as he may designate, and there receive the necessary instruction, so that it may be communicated to the several Chapters, to get the same uniform throughout the jurisdiction."

The Grand Chapter of Nevada received fraternal recognition.

The Report on Correspondence was submitted by Comp. F. McF. PATTON, who, after a year's vacation, resumes the pen reportorial with renewed vigor and relish.

He says:—"We notice in the various proceedings which we have examined, a remarkable '*contraction in official decisions.*' This seems to us an indication of progress in the right direction."

We also have noticed this "remarkable contraction," and hail it with pleasure as an evidence that either the Chapters are selecting officers of more than ordinary intelligence, or that those elected have come to the praiseworthy conclusion to read the law for themselves, and not occupy the time of the Grand High Priest in making decisions upon points clearly covered by the Constitution and Regulations of their respective Grand Chapters.

The proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters are reviewed, including California for 1877, and the Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales.

The report is full, able and sparkling, as the reports of Comp. PATTON invariably are.

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The nineteenth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Portland, on the sixth day of June, 1879,—the M. E. J. B. CONGLE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. R. P. EARHART being Grand Secretary.

All the subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, as is usual in this jurisdiction, is notable for its brevity. There was little for him to do, and he did it; no questions of law of any importance had been submitted to him; the Order is in a healthy and prosperous condition, and peace and harmony prevail.

Two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters were granted, and Representatives were appointed near the Grand Chapters of Colorado, Iowa, Michigan, Missouri, New Jersey and Texas. The only recommendation he makes is that the Grand Chapter do not make too many new laws. He says: "We have had too much law now—let the companions have a rest." The recommendation is a good one, and would aptly apply to many other jurisdictions as well as to Oregon.

The Grand Lecturer in his report, makes the following gratifying announcement:—

"I feel warranted in saying that there has been more degrees conferred during the present year, and more creditable to the officers with whom they have been intrusted than for some years past; in fact, it affords me great pleasure to report that in all the Chapters that I have visited, I find a marked improvement in the work; so much so that I think it would be advisable for the Grand Chapter to discontinue the salary of Grand Lecturer and make it obligatory upon him to visit only those Chapters who may invite his services, and are willing to pay the necessary expense."

Comp. J. R. BAXLEY, Past Grand High Priest, presented a history of Royal Arch Masonry in Oregon, from which we extract the following:—

"Companion BERRYMAN JENNINGS, one of the pioneers of California and the Senior Warden of one of the first Lodges in that State, located at Sacramento, and was elected the first Grand Master of Masons of California, but owing to some misunderstanding among the brethren he declined to accept, and was elected Grand Treasurer. He was a member of the Lodge chartered by the Grand Lodge of New Jersey and known as *Jersey Lodge*, but the Grand Lodge of California changed the name to *Berryman Lodge*, in honor of Companion JENNINGS. He was the first Grand Master of Masons of Oregon. He now resides in the vicinity of Oregon City, mature in years and Masonic knowledge; unassuming in manner, affable, kind and

warm-hearted, with a disposition to relieve all who were needy, and one whose heart was larger than his purse. He advanced to the Lodge of which he was a member in an early day in California, thousands of dollars, enabling it to assist distressed brethren, and after the Grand Lodge of California was formed, his Lodge refused to refund the money thus advanced, contending that the Grand Lodge was responsible. In after years this subject became a matter of correspondence between the Grand Lodge of this State and the Grand Lodge of California, which was carried on for several years; but, finally, the Grand Lodge of California refused to pay Companion JENNINGS, and the subject was dropped. Thus he was left destitute, and the whole burden of furnishing the sick and destitute brethren that reached the Golden State seeking their fortunes was cast on the shoulders of one; when, had the burden been distributed as it should have been, none would have suffered materially. This, to many men, would have been sufficient to drive them from the Order, and would have destroyed all their regard for Masons or Masonry, but not so with Brother JENNINGS; his love for the Craft never cooled, and he is still the same warm-hearted and upright man and Mason he was when he first stood in the Northeast corner, and God grant that he may long live to enjoy meeting with the brethren here, and after his work is done and he is called hence, may be received in that Lodge above whose Master shall reward him according to his merits."

There is an inaccuracy in the above statement which we feel bound to correct, and an implied censure of the Grand Lodge of California which is entirely unwarranted.

The records of the Grand Lodge do not show that Bro. JENNINGS was elected Grand Master; but in the Lodge of Master Masons, opened by the convention for the purpose of forming the Grand Lodge, his name appears as Senior Deacon. The record states that, "The election being had, agreeably to the requisitions of the Constitution, the Worshipful Master announced the following named brethren as having been duly elected:—

"Bro. JONATHAN D. STEVENSON M.: W.: Grand Master," etc.

On the nineteenth day of April, 1850, Bro. JENNINGS was elected Grand Treasurer and was installed in that office.

On the seventh day of May, 1850, the first Annual Communication of the Grand Lodge was held, and the following communication was received from Bro. JENNINGS:—

"To the M.: W.: Grand Lodge of California:—

"I hereby resign my office as Treasurer of the Grand Lodge of California, and you will please accept this my resignation. Fraternally submitted,

"BERRYMAN JENNINGS."

The resignation was accepted, and at the Semi-annual Communication of the same year Bro. JENNINGS acted as Senior Grand Warden, and was also Chairman of the Committee on Charters and Dispensations.

At the second Annual Communication, held on the sixth day of May, 1851, the following preamble and resolution were adopted:—

"WHEREAS, *Jennings* Lodge, No. 4" [formerly *Berryman* Lodge] "has been laboring under pecuniary embarrassment, on account of the extensive charity to brethren not members of said Lodge; and

"WHEREAS, The effect of such embarrassment retards the progress of said Lodge; therefore

"Resolved, That the dues of said Lodge be and are hereby remitted."

No claim of Bro. JENNINGS is presented, but the Lodge itself is reported to be the sufferer. Now, if Bro. JENNINGS had advanced the money to the Lodge for the purpose of meeting this unprecedented call upon their charities, it would seem that the Lodge could not have been pecuniarily embarrassed unless by the repayment of the loan its treasury was impoverished.

Immediately after the adoption of the foregoing, Past Grand Master STEVENSON offered the following resolution, which was adopted:—

"WHEREAS, Several of the Lodges under this jurisdiction, and the members thereof, by their great liberality to stranger brethren sick and in distress, have become indebted in greater amounts than they are able to pay; therefore

"Resolved, That a Committee of Seven (of which the Grand Master to be Chair-

man) be appointed to address a circular to other Grand and subordinate Lodges, setting forth the amount and nature of the embarrassments aforesaid, for what cause incurred, and the amount and nature of the relief afforded, etc.; which circular shall be published with the proceedings of this Grand Lodge."

This circular was sent to all the Grand and subordinate Lodges of the United States; but the amount of donations resulting therefrom was comparatively small. The total amount received was \$975.80, which amount was, by resolution of the Grand Lodge, forwarded to *Tehama* Lodge, No. 3, at Sacramento, to be disbursed as designed by the Grand Lodge.

Upon the promulgation of the discovery of gold in California, the rush hither was unprecedented in the annals of immigration, and the Masonic mills at the East were kept constantly at work turning out grist after grist, with all possible haste, for the California market. Many of these brethren arrived here sick, destitute and in distress, and the charities of the Lodges, as well as of individual brethren, were exerted to the utmost for their relief. Bro. JENNINGS, we have no doubt, in common with many other brethren, contributed largely of his means to this end; but the broad assertion by Comp. BAYLEY, that "the whole burden of furnishing the sick and destitute brethren, that reached the golden State seeking their fortunes, was cast on the shoulders of one," and that one Bro. JENNINGS, is, as Dominie Sampson would say, "prodigious!"

We do not see how Bro. JENNINGS could hold the Grand Lodge of California responsible for money advanced to *Jennings* Lodge before said Lodge became one of its constituent members, nor can we find in the proceedings of the Grand Lodge, or in the office of the Grand Secretary, any evidence of the correspondence alluded to by Comp. BAYLEY.

Had the claims of all brethren who furnished aid to the destitute and distressed in 1849-50, been presented and allowed by the Grand Lodge, the treasury of a Rothschild would have been required to liquidate them.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That the habit of using profane language, and that of intemperance in the use of strong drink, or engaging in the keeping of saloons and retailing alcoholic liquors, or of indulging in the practice of gambling, by Royal Arch Masons, is in violation of the regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, and discreditable to the Craft; and, also, that it is a proper subject of Masonic discipline."

The special committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation, to prepare a plan for the union of the Council degrees with those of the Chapter, presented the following report:—

"Should the General Grand Chapter of the United States hereafter resume jurisdiction of the Council degrees, the Grand Chapter of Oregon will conform to such regulations as it may make in relation to the degrees under the following

#### PLAN OF CONSOLIDATION:

"1. Each Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, in this jurisdiction, shall open a Council of Royal and Select Master Masons, and confer the degrees of Royal Master, and Select Master subsequent to the degree of Royal Arch Mason. The officers of the Chapter corresponding in rank to those of the Council, to be the officers in the Council."

"2. All Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter in good standing at the date of the transfer, shall receive the degrees for the sum of \$2.00 each degree.

"3. In Chapters where there is not a sufficient number of Select Masters, and where a sufficient number cannot conveniently be assembled from the neighboring Chapters to open a Council, a competent companion may, by request of the High Priest of a Chapter, communicate the degrees to a sufficient number of Companion Royal Arch Masons, members of the Chapter, to open a Council; but thereafter, the degrees must be fully and properly conferred."

Thus the action of the Grand Chapter of Oregon, as well as our own, is made contingent upon the action of the General Grand Chapter.

From the Report of the Committee on Correspondence, on the death of Comp. Conson of New Jersey, we extract the following:—

"In the death of THOMAS J. CORSON, the Masonic world has lost an active, zealous worker; one who made sunshine wherever he went, and one whose place cannot be filled. In these brief and hurried moments allotted to us to express our sorrow, we feel that we cannot speak the praise due to the memory of our departed companion."

The Report on Correspondence is again from the pen of Comp. THOMAS MC F. PATTON, and is *the report par excellence* of all which have come under our notice.

He first treats us to a crystallization of his views upon all the prominent subjects under discussion in the various jurisdictions, and then proceeds to review them in detail.

His argument in favor of Reports on Correspondence is so excellent, exhaustive and unanswerable, that we are constrained to give it entire.

**"REPORTS ON FOREIGN CORRESPONDENCE.—ARE THEY WORTH WHAT THEY COST?"**

"Our companions will doubtless consider this as a very singular question to present for their consideration at this time, when everything throughout the Masonic world betokens advancement and prosperity. Little did we think that any one would question the utility or value of these annual compilations, and especially one whose whole life has been devoted to the dissemination of true Masonic principles.

"You may well imagine our surprise when we read in the Report of the Committee on Correspondence to the Grand Lodge of Iowa, prepared by T. S. PARVIN, the following sentiments touching this question:—

"Upon other occasions, when reading the Reports on Correspondence, we have been led to ask the question, *cut bono?* What good? and have been forced to the conclusion it would be better now if "Othello's occupation were gone," and the money expended in printing these reports, costing for 1877 at least \$15,000, were appropriated to some other purpose. They have had their day in court, and served a valuable purpose. No one appreciates more highly than we the good they have done in the past, yet we fail to see any good now resulting from such labors and publications.

"The present system of Masonic Jurisprudence is well established, and is the direct outgrowth of these reports, evoked by such writers in the past as HATCH, KING, LEWIS, and SIMONS, of New York, and the DRUMMONDS and CONSONS of the present."

"When we first read these comments we predicted a departure from the beaten path by our Iowa companions in due time. This prediction has been fulfilled, for the proceedings of their Grand Chapter (October, 1878) show that the statements expressed before the Grand Lodge by Companion PARVIN have borne their first fruits in the Grand Chapter, as will appear by the following extract from the Report of the Committee on Finance:—

"Your committee find that the cost of writing and printing the Reports on Foreign Correspondence for the past two years has cost the Grand Chapter over nine hundred dollars, which we consider, owing to the fact that they are read by so few, a useless waste of the Grand Chapter funds. We therefore recommend that hereafter no Reports on Foreign Correspondence be made or published."

"This report was adopted, and the Grand Chapter of Iowa, with her four thousand two hundred and sixty-one Royal Arch Masons, stands before the Masonic world to-day with closed doors and sealed lips, absolutely refusing to radiate any more light or heat to the weary sojourners throughout the world.

"It would seem that the committee, in making the foregoing recommendation were actuated by economical motives, as they assert it is 'a useless waste of the Grand Chapter funds;' and, while they take special pains to magnify the fact that it cost for preparing and publishing the Report on Correspondence for last two years nine hundred dollars, they fail to inform their companions and the Masonic public that it cost their Grand Chapter for mileage alone the insignificant sum of nineteen hundred dollars, during the same period. With these facts before us, we recall to mind the stirring words of Companion J. M. SHAFFER, in a recent report to this same Grand Body, in his review of Texas:—

"Out with this niggardly system of economy which deprives a thousand companions from the enjoyment of that which they should have, but of which they are ignominiously deprived."

"Admitting the fact that 'our country is free—Masonry is free, and every Mason a freeman,' we concede the right of our Iowa companions to do just as they please in this matter; to give and receive as heretofore, or to announce to the world that they are willing to receive and partake of all the good things that may be sent them but will contribute nothing in return.

"While we concede this right, we also claim the privilege of making a few comments on the declarations contained in Companion PARVIN's statement in his report to the Grand Lodge, as well as the Report of Committee on Finance to the Grand

Chapter. We feel perfectly free to make these comments, or, in other words, 'to tickle them' because they cannot 'tickle us' in return.

"First, as to the statements of Companion PARVIN, whom we regard as the moving spirit in this retrograde movement. He says:—

"No one appreciates more highly than we the good they have done in the past, yet we fail to see any good *now* resulting from such labors and publications."

"The Christian minister of to-day might, with the same propriety and equal consistency, boldly assert from his sacred desk, that he fully appreciated the good accomplished in the past through the labors and writings of Paul the Apostle, but that he could see no possible good to be achieved now by preaching or practicing the same doctrines and precepts. How would such sentiments be received by a worshiping assembly, who were thoroughly imbued with true Christian principles and were humbly striving to do their Master's will? Would such views, boldly proclaimed by an accepted teacher, have a tendency to unite Christian workers more closely in the bonds of Christian unity and brotherly love, and incite them to more earnest work? or would they create confusion and discord, resulting finally in complete estrangement?"

"Let us consider for a moment the relations existing between parents and children. Suppose the father and mother, after devoting years of care and anxiety in the training and education of their children, in order to fit them for positions of honor and usefulness among their fellows, should say to them: 'We fully appreciate the good which we have accomplished by our mutual endeavors to impress upon your youthful minds the great principles of virtue, truth, honesty, integrity and sobriety which should govern your future lives, but inasmuch as you have now arrived at a proper age to discriminate between good and evil, as well as right and wrong, we deem it entirely unnecessary to repeat our admonitions or give you any further parental advice.' Would such action on the part of the parents release them from future responsibility? Certainly not. It requires but little argument to convince the most skeptical that the anxiety and solicitude of the true parent for the welfare and happiness of his children extends through life, and that great personal sacrifices are frequently made for their benefit after leaving the parental roof."

"It requires but a moderate degree of Masonic intelligence to note the fact that Masons of to-day, like the Israelites of old, are inclined to forsake the law and follow after false gods."

"As proof of this, we need only to present the following extract from Companion PARVIN's report, under the very appropriate title of 'Mixed Funerals':—

"So many organizations have sprung up of late,—all, however, styling themselves 'ancient,'—that the Odd Fellows, now backed by the Knights of Pythias, Ancient Order of United Workmen, and Good Templars, and the thousand and one societies of which we have no catalogue even, again demand to participate in such rites."

"Our Grand Lodges, in many cases, are practically run by outsiders. By grafting and crossing, the nature of plants and the breed of animals may be wholly changed; so by the rush of Masons into every society organized, and then coming back laden with new ideas, and forcing them by numbers or perseverance upon the body of Masonry, our Institution is becoming changed, and, to some extent, undermined."

"Once upon a time the 'whisky' influence ran the Grand Lodge one session; at another the 'politicians' successfully grasped the reins and apportioned the officers among the members of the Legislature; and at another the 'Grangers' tried their hand, and came near running the Grand Lodge into the ground; and now it is currently reported that the 'United Workmen' are working to secure to themselves the control of the Grand Lodge."

"With this terrible confession as to the influences which have heretofore and are still controlling the Grand Lodge of Iowa, we are not at all surprised that Companion PARVIN should feel discouraged at the situation, and indulge in the comments which he has in regard to the value of Reports on Correspondence. Yet we are inclined to the opinion that he has no reason to complain so far as 'mixed funerals' are concerned; for we note with pleasure that, notwithstanding the 'Whisky-ites,' 'Politicians,' 'Grangers,' 'United Workmen,' and the 'thousand-and-one other societies of which we have no catalogue,' have each controlled the Grand Lodge in turn, our good brother and companion was always successful in securing, at the general distribution of the 'loaves and fishes,' the only responsible paying office in the Grand Body."

"Another reason assigned by our distinguished companion why no further good can be accomplished by the continuance of these Reports on Correspondence is, 'that the present system of Masonic jurisprudence is well established.' This may be true in some jurisdictions, but it is evidently not the case in Iowa, for we find among the numerous questions propounded to the Grand Master, and upon which decisions were rendered, the following:—

"Can an Atheist be made a Mason?"

"Can a man who has a stiff knee be made a Mason?"

"Can a Worshipful Master set aside the action of the Lodge by his order?"

"Can you as Grand Master grant us a dispensation authorizing us to confer the other degrees on an entered apprentice in our Lodge, who is a *splendid business man, a good citizen, wealthy, and a number one fellow*, but it is impossible for him to learn the lectures and stand the required examination?"

"The answer which the Grand Master returned to the last was entirely satisfactory: He responded 'that the Grand Master can do almost anything, except furnish brains for candidates, and he might do that if he had them to spare.' Yet Companion PARVIN don't want matters discussed any more, because Masonic jurisprudence is fully established. With such evidence before us, we may well question the fact.

"The Christian religion has also been 'well established' for many hundred years, and yet we do not find any of its followers offering this as a reason why they should cease to proclaim the glad tidings of the Gospel of Peace. The command was: 'Go ye into all the world and preach the Gospel to every creature.'

"If no further good can be accomplished by preaching 'Christ and him crucified,' because religion has been well established, then our missionaries should be recalled, our Bible houses cease their publications, and the many hundred thousand dollars expended in their behalf 'appropriated to some other purpose,' for the same reason assigned by the Committee in the Grand Chapter, 'that it would be a useless waste of the funds' of good Christian people.

"Under the head of 'Libraries' in this same report, we find Companion PARVIN recorded as declaring, 'In some degree a library may be regarded as an index of the education and cultivation of the Grand Lodge and the Masons of the jurisdiction;' and yet we find our good friend, in his reply to a Kentucky correspondent as to how they manage in Iowa to transport the books, papers and library from post to pillar in the Grand Lodge migrations, unwittingly acknowledges a truth which is known of all men:—

"As to books and papers of the office, we carry whole trunks full; and for the library, *well, we carry all that is movable of it in our head, for we have to do the reading for the mass, and retail it as it is called for.*'

"Now, to our mind, if this great and responsible duty is imposed upon our worthy brother and companion, the Grand Lodge Library cannot 'in any degree be considered an index of the cultivation and education of the Grand Lodge or the Masons of its jurisdiction;' and is another strong argument for the continuance of Masonic reports, or such matter as will reach the reading and thinking Mason.

"When *eighteen thousand four hundred and eighty-six* Masons, or the 'mass' thereof, rely wholly and solely upon one luminary, and that luminary—by act of Providence or the ravages of time—should be suddenly extinguished, we would like to enquire what would become of that vast multitude groping around in the wilderness of doubt and uncertainty without any Moses to inspire or lead them on.

"Companion SHAFFER, the Iowa correspondent, only last year declared that 'things usually level up.' That 'When one man drops out, however wise, or strong, or good, or noble, he don't leave a hole. There is the smooth surface of the water, just as though he had never lived. Some one takes his place and the surface is as unruined as if no one had ever heard of him.' We are inclined to endorse this sentiment, provided the jurisdiction of Iowa is excepted, otherwise we must dissent; for it must be admitted that when one man who 'carries all that is movable of a Grand Lodge library in his head, who has to do the reading for the mass and retail as it is called for,' accidentally drops out, there must of necessity be a hole, and one of magnificent proportions.

"It is impossible, under this condition of things, for the surface to remain unruined. The demand for Joshuas would be greater than the supply in an emergency of this character; and it would not only require time, but great labor to quiet the troubled waters.

"Masonry, like religion, in order to be fully appreciated and enjoyed, requires constant nourishment—by participation in our beautiful and impressive rites—by continual association and intercourse with those of the household of faith—by contributing our mite, according to the talent which has been given us, for the welfare and happiness of our fellow-men.

"The good book says, 'As every man has received the gift, even so minister the same one to another, as good stewards of the grace of God.'

"We know of none better qualified to instruct—none more enthusiastic and zealous—than Companion PARVIN.

"We sincerely hope that our good companion and his associates in the Grand Chapter of Iowa have ere this repented of their hasty action in this question, and will in due season rescind the same and return to the work with renewed zeal and energy.

"In order to show you that other companions throughout the land entertain a higher opinion of these reports on correspondence than that entertained and expressed by our Iowa companions, we submit the following testimonials, given at a time when the subject was not generally discussed.

"Companion HENRY ROBERTSON, of Canada, in conclusion of his last year's

report, speaking of the value of these reports, says: 'We believe that these reports are eagerly sought for by all those who are desirous of further light,' and they form about the only means (except the Masonic periodicals) whereby many of our companions can make themselves acquainted with Masonic matters in other jurisdictions.

"It is pleasant to be brought into contact with the many Masonic writers who are so ably furthering the objects of our Institution. From them we can gather words of wisdom and bright thoughts clothed in happy language. And it is still more pleasant to be able to watch and note the many beneficial effects of the teachings received in the Masonic Brotherhood. How the poor and distressed are relieved and assisted; how the erring brother is kindly and fraternally reclaimed; how the whole standard of human morality is raised by the united action of men banded together to do good. All these and many other deeds of mercy and charity in its broadest sense cause the heart of the faithful to leap with joy and glow with fervor, and rejoice at belonging to an Institution capable of such excellent results.

"JOSEPH B. CHAFFEE *M. E.*, Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of New York, referring to the friendly relations existing, which were so fully set forth in the Report on Foreign Correspondence, says in this connection:—

"I embrace this occasion to impress upon you all the great value of this annual contribution to the literature of Royal Arch Masonry, involving as it does great labor on the part of its author, and affording not only a history of the Craft during the past year, but giving the views of able minds upon a variety of topics of great interest to every Royal Arch Mason. No better preparation for the discharge of your duty as representatives of your respective Chapters and as guardians of the Institution can be found, than is contained in the careful study of this annual review of the doings of our sister jurisdictions; nor can I give you any better advice, than that you should avail yourselves of the means placed ready to your hands by an efficient and energetic committee.'

"Companion JOHN R. EAKIN, of Arkansas, bears testimony as to the value of these reports on Correspondence, in these words:—

"Certainly, it must be confessed, the voluminous reports on Foreign Correspondence constitute by far the most interesting if not the most useful portion of the printed proceedings of the several Grand Chapters. But they are the work of amateurs who have leisure, or of trained experts who make it a business and devote to them an amount of time and labor, which the ordinary Mason, engaged in the support of his family, cannot bestow. It has been found expedient in some of the Grand Chapters, to grant the authors pecuniary compensation. This is just and politic, for their work is useful. It adds annually to the permanent mass of Masonic literature. It cultivates and sustains an interest in the Craft. These laborers, treading out the grain, labor in love; but are none the less worthy of their hire.'

"Yet, Grand Chapters cannot always, nor most generally find companions standing ready, annually, for the work. There is danger that those companions who cannot perform the work so well or so fully as they see it done by others, will despair and make no effort. This effect is very apparent. Many of the proceedings furnish us with no reports at all from the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. This is not well. It tends to isolation and illiberality. All Masons, through their Grand Bodies, should keep themselves in contact and fraternal sympathy with Masons all over the world, 'receiving and giving odour.' This is the office of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, and they should never fall entirely, save for potent reasons. Through them the craft should each year be furnished with some outlook upon the spirit and the work of kindred bodies, that they may see what can be added to their own temples for use or ornament.'

"*M. E.*, Companion WILLIAM C. SWAIN, G. H. P. of Wisconsin, in his address, referring to the necessity of thorough qualifications of the officers of a Chapter, asserts this great truth:—

"When the officers of a Chapter become imbued with the principles which the ritual symbolizes, and search the esoteric meaning of the symbols; study the jurisprudence of the Order; read the discussions by the Masonic scholars of the country, which are generally embodied in the Reports on Correspondence, and impart the information they have gained to their companions, they will not be members of weak Chapters, no matter how small in number or poor in purse. And when a Chapter has such officers, it is exceedingly unwise if it changes them before it is able to replace them with others equally as good.'

"A special committee of the Grand Chapter of Massachusetts, reporting upon the Address of Grand High Priest SMITH B. HARRINGTON, says:—

"The annual proceedings, which are now gratuitously distributed to all the Chapters, are so full and complete, containing a review of the Grand Chapter proceedings of other jurisdictions, that they form a valuable digest of capitular law, which no Royal Arch Mason, who wishes to be thoroughly informed, can afford to dispense with.'

"Companion W. F. SWAIN, *M. E.*, Grand High Priest of Texas, in his Address, referring to the custom of sending out Reports on Foreign Correspondence separate and apart from their proceedings, says:—

"It is certainly very desirable that the Report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence appear and be sent out with the proceedings. This important appendage can be found in scarcely a Chapter room in the State. It is prepared at a great expense of time and labor, and is of incalculable value to the craft. It should be read by every companion, and especially by those who are expected to reflect light from the East. If our High Priests would digest these reports, they would find light to guide them in the innumerable decisions they are called upon to make, and have the satisfaction of knowing how the great pulse of the Order beats throughout the Masonic world."

"Companion ROBERT M. ELGIN, from the same jurisdiction, discussing the subject with Companion BOWEN, of Nebraska, says:—

"The Reports on Foreign Correspondence are more readable, have more life, snap and spirit about them, and above all, give the ideas and opinions of well informed Masons, in regard to the various questions that arise, in such a manner that they are ultimately settled upon the basis of sound reason and weight of opinion. By this means uniformity of decision and practice have been attained in innumerable cases, when otherwise dissension, confusion and a total want of uniformity would necessarily have prevailed."

"Companion HENDERSON, of Kentucky, last year testified in strong terms to the value of these reports, which we quoted in our review. This year, in concluding his report, he again refers to the subject; and in choice language gives utterance to his opinion, which differs materially from that of Companion PARVIN and our Iowa companions. He says:—

"Every year it becomes more apparent to us that Free Masonry is one of the strongest social and political bonds holding the States in unity. Besides producing a literature and a system of jurisprudence, the Reports of the Foreign Correspondence Committees keep up the autonomy of American Free Masonry. Without these each jurisdiction would be a self-centered unit, ignorant and indifferent as to what was transpiring in sister States and trans-Atlantic and South American countries. Between individuals, carelessness about correspondence marks the decadence of friendship, and nothing more certainly indicates its loss than a surceasing of communication. The criticism of the reporters operates as a check and balance upon license as to the landmarks and ritual, while the ethical features are revived in the reviews, and brought in a variety of engaging forms, to the attention and consciences of the craft. In our opinion, nothing pays more for the cost than these reports. They are the historical mile-marks of our Institution, and invaluable as repositories of facts that would otherwise be swept into the sea of oblivion by the current of time."

Our companions of Iowa were not long discovering the error they had fallen into, and promptly set the seal of their disapproval upon the doctrine advocated by Comp. PARVIN, by returning at once to their former course, and ordering the publication of a full report.

California, for 1878, receives a fair share of his attention. He battles right valiantly in favor of their custom of allowing visitors to vote in the Chapters on the applications of candidates, but his arguments fail to convince us of the benefit to be derived from such a custom.

We regret to be obliged to lay down this model report without further selections from the many gems with which it is adorned; but we have already given so much of our space to Oregon, that we are compelled, most reluctantly, to bid Comp. PATTON good-bye until next year.

Oregon has fourteen chartered Chapters and two under dispensation, with a total membership of 531.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

The usual Quarterly Communications of this Grand Chapter were held during the year, the ordinary routine of business being transacted. The last Quarterly was held on the sixth day of November, 1879, when the Grand Officers were elected for the ensuing year.

The Annual Communication was held in the city of Philadelphia on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1879,—the *M. E.* WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN THOMSON being Grand Secretary.

From the Address of the Grand High Priest we extract the following:—



"Truth, whether it be agreeable or unpalatable, must be spoken; therefore we state, with a sense of deprecation, that Royal Arch Masonry, within the circle of my visitations, is not in that growing and flourishing condition which would aid so materially in building and strengthening our Fraternity. It is true there is a certain kind of 'peace and harmony reigning,' but it is of a negative character, and is the result of apathy and neglect; apathy upon the part of the officers of the Chapters, and neglect upon the part of the members in attending the meetings thereof. These are the conditions that prevail generally in that portion of the jurisdiction included in my visitations, although there are many honorable exceptions, to whom we extend the meed of praise. It is important to us, as Royal Arch Masons, to arouse ourselves more keenly to the necessity of adopting measures whereby this evil may be overcome. Therefore I desire your attention while I endeavor to demonstrate the means whereby this condition of our Fraternity may be averted in the future, and activity and prosperity again be restored. In attempting this I do not desire to presume upon any ability I may possess, but I regard it as a duty, so long as I preside as your Grand High Priest, to call the attention of the companions to the satisfactory result and the innumerable advantages to be achieved by a faithful and conscientious performance of the duties of their several stations."

He then proceeds to counsel his companions in a manner which they will do well to heed.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, is a careful review of the proceedings of thirty-eight Grand Chapters in the United States, and of the Grand Chapters of Scotland, Ireland, Canada, Quebec, Nova Scotia, and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. It also includes a report from Comp. WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN on the Grand Chapter of England, which, for the information of our companions, we here insert:—

"THE GRAND CHAPTER OF ENGLAND.

"*Truro, England, 7 Nov., 1879.*

"DEAR M. E. COMP. MEYER: I shall be pleased to give you a report of our Grand Royal Arch Chapter of England, as the printed proceedings do not reach you. The fact is that the Constitution of the Grand Chapter is different from any other in the world, and to be appreciated must be studied in connection with the struggle for supremacy under the 'Moderns' and 'Ancients,' and their union in December, 1813.

"The 'Articles of Union' provided for the official recognition of the degree of 'Holy Royal Arch,\*' but in such a way that it was made virtually and actually the completion of the Master Mason's, not as a separate and distinct degree. The Grand Chapter, it is true, is a separate organization, but only so in part, and is not independent of the Grand Lodge. It is an *imperium in imperio*, and in reality is the complement of the Grand Lodge, its chief officers being taken from the latter Body of Royal Arch Masons, without any election by the companions whatever.

"In the 'Regulations' no provision is made for the appointment of Representatives, and all is done that can be to render its character as much after the style and character of the Grand Lodge. Suspension or expulsion in the latter means the same in the former, and in all matters not especially provided for, the Grand Chapter follows the ruling of the Grand Lodge, and every Chapter has to be attached to some warranted Lodge, and its rank or precedence, number, &c., is determined by that of the Lodge to which it is attached. For this reason the latest number of a Chapter is not indicative of the total number of the Chapters, as the last charter granted is No. 1611, York; but instead of there being so many Chapters, the total at home and abroad would not exceed 600. The degrees are thus arranged: 1°, 'E. A.,' 2°, 'F. C.,' 3°, 'M. M.,' 4°, 'R. A.' (really completion of 3°); and then, if Installed Masters of a Craft Lodge (actually of a Lodge, not the P. M., as in, except Pennsylvania, the United States), the companions may be elected and installed as 3d, then as 2d, and then as 1st Principals of a Chapter (known as Joshua, Haggai and Zerrubabel respectively), each having a separate ceremony and secrets, &c., and the order of communication must be strictly observed.

"The Grand Chapter consists of the present and past Grand Officers, with the three Principals of every Chapter and their past First Principals (only) and associate members. As with the Grand Lodge, all the officers are entirely unremunerated, save the Grand Scribe E (i. e., the Grand Secretary), and no 'mileage' is ever paid to any one for attendance at any of the meetings of the Body.

"This Supreme Chapter was formed in 1817 from the union of the two Grand Chapters under the 'Moderns' and 'Ancients,' H. R. H. the Duke of Sussex being the first Grand Principal Z, the Earl of Zetland the next, followed by the Marquis of Ripon, and on the fifth of May, 1875, H. R. H. the Prince of Wales was obligated and

\**Vide* Hughan's "Masonic Register," page 15.

installed as 'First Grand Principal of the Order,' being the fourth to occupy that exalted position from 1817. The Earl of Carnarvon being declared and invested as Pro-Grand Z (being Pro-G. M.), Lord Skelmersdale, Grand H. (being Deputy G. M.), and so on, &c. At these Annual Convocations a 'Committee of General Purposes' is elected, consisting of twelve members, and by that body the ordinary business of the society is managed, by which means, a deal of the usual routine never comes before the Grand Chapter at all, save in the way of appeals, if the decisions should not be considered suitable or legal, when the Grand Chapter finally decides.

"Four regular meetings of the Grand Chapter are held in each year, viz., on the first Wednesday in the months of February, May, August and November; the one in May following that of the Grand Lodge in April, when the new Grand Officers are appointed.

"In the Grand Lodge and subordinate Lodges the jewels of the Craft and Royal Arch degrees are allowed to be worn, but no others, just as in the Grand Chapters and subordinate Chapters those of the Craft and Royal Arch and no others.

"The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters, the Grand Conclave of the Red Cross of Rome and Constantine, the Great Priory of the Knights Templar, and the Ancient and Accepted Rite, not being recognized in any way, save that permission is given in the 'Articles of Union' of 1813 to certain degrees other than the Craft, to be worked as heretofore, only separate and distinct from the Craft, Grand Lodge, and Chapter.

"In all other Grand Chapters, the *Mark Degree* is recognized, and this degree is moreover worked by authority of the Grand Lodge of Scotland in the Craft Lodges. In England the Mark Degree is very popular, as also the degrees of the "Ancient and Accepted Rite," there being over two hundred Lodges and eighty Chapters of the Rose Croix working under the authority of those two ruling Bodies. The Grand R. A. Chapter of Pennsylvania was the first to recognize the Mark Grand Lodge, and now its certificates are accepted throughout the 'wide, wide world.'

"In the Quarterly Reports of the Grand Chapter there is but little calling for notice in this letter, as they are mainly descriptive of the financial state of the Grand Chapter (which is most healthy) and of the petitions for Warrants, none of which are granted in connection with a Lodge, unless the latter has been in existence two years, save under special circumstances, and the Lodge must consent to the petition before it can be entertained, also no exaltations can occur in England unless the candidates have been Master Masons twelve months at least.

"At the Grand Chapter held February 6, 1868, it was agreed that £2000 (\$10,000) be granted to our Four Great Masonic Charities, to be equally divided between them. The funds of the Chapter, beyond that needed for exigencies, generally exceed £3000, (\$15,000), and are derived from the fees for Warrants (five guineas each), Exaltations, Certificates, &c. (fifteen shillings each), Dispensations, &c., but no annual dues are exigible, as in the Grand Lodge. Grand Superintendents are appointed to rule over Provinces and Districts (at home and abroad), as in the Grand Lodge, and by this means a thorough efficiency and supervision are obtained.

"Any questions I shall be happy to answer at any time, and with best wishes to the Grand High Priest and the members of the Grand Chapter,

"Believe me, your Friend and Companion,

"WILLIAM JAMES HUGHAN,

"Representative of the Grand Chapter of Penna. at the Mark Grand Lodge."

It also contains a history of Mark Masonry in England which, although very interesting, is too voluminous for our space.

In his review of California for 1879 Comp. MEYER concurs in the decision of our Grand High Priest, in refusing to approve the amendment to the by-law of *San Francisco* Chapter, No. 1, authorizing the election of Trustees, etc., and says: "If such a by-law had been approved the next thing in order would be a supervisor or custodian of Trustees."

Under the head of Maine, he quotes from the report of Comp. DRUMMOND relative to the *status* of suspended Master Masons who are Royal Arch Masons, and the action of Pennsylvania in the matter, as follows:—

"The action involves a principal of the gravest importance, and is a dangerous attack upon the rights of other Grand Bodies. The effect of the resolution is, that the *status* of all Royal Arch Masons shall be determined in Pennsylvania by the laws of its Grand Chapter, and not by the laws of the jurisdiction in which they reside and to which they owe obedience. Of course the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania has the power to decline to admit any visitors, or recognize as Royal Arch Masons any hailing from another State; but equally, as a matter of course, in doing so it violates the Masonic obligations."

To this Comp. MEYER replies:—

"Comp. DRUMMOND is right, the resolution does involve a principle of the gravest importance, but as to its being 'a dangerous attack upon the rights of other Grand Bodies' he is altogether wrong. It is no dangerous attack, it is merely carrying out the law of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania within the jurisdiction of Pennsylvania. Under that law we judge the *status* of *all* Royal Arch Masons within our jurisdiction. While they are here they are subject to our laws, the same as we would be while within the jurisdiction of Maine."

He quotes further from Comp. DRUMMOND, who says:—

"The law in Maine is, that for non-payment of dues the only penalty which can be inflicted is suspension from, or deprivation of, membership, and shall not extend to suspension from Masonic rights, except those growing out of Lodge membership; also unaffiliated Masons are Masons. Now, when our Pennsylvania companions say that a decision that suspension from membership in a Lodge does not affect his Masonic standing (and therefore does not affect his standing in the Chapter) is a 'violation of Masonic law and usage,' they commit a gross [blunder, and, state unwittingly, what is not true."

"The whole system of *compulsory* dues is a modern invention, and our Pennsylvania companions are challenged to find an instance of it, in Pennsylvania or elsewhere, prior to the anti-Masonic storm. Now, then, if Maine, Massachusetts, and others choose to follow the *old* law and usage, but Pennsylvania chooses to adopt a *new* law and usage, with what force can *she* say that *they* are violating 'Masonic law and usage,' even if we admit that her law is the better and wiser one?"

"Each jurisdiction has the right to prescribe the penalty for non-payment of dues; and no other jurisdiction has any right to interfere. When the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania undertakes to add to the penalty one's own jurisdiction has imposed, she is guilty of a violation of Masonic law and usage, as well as of an insult to her sister Grand Chapter."

Comp. MEYER rejoins:—

"Comp. DRUMMOND makes some strange statements, and writes in very strong language; 'gross blunder, and state, unwittingly, what is not true,' are words we have seldom met with in Grand Chapter reports, or in any Masonic proceedings, and are unwarranted, and, we think, were written rather hastily, without due reflection. We still hold that *any decision* which says that a Royal Arch Mason who does not pay his dues to his Lodge is in good standing in his Chapter is a violation of Masonic law and usage."

"If we examine the Royal Arch at its organization, and for many years afterwards, we will find that the Royal Arch was but the completion of the Master's degree; and in England, where it is still practiced as it was originally, a Royal Arch Mason, suspended from membership in his Lodge for any cause whatsoever, ceases to be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing."

"Pennsylvania Royal Arch Masonry in its government is somewhat after the English style; and a Royal Arch Mason suspended from his Lodge for any cause whatsoever is *ipso facto* suspended from his membership in the Chapter, and the Chapter cannot question for one moment the action of the Lodge. Still further, should he resign, dimit or withdraw from the Lodge, and remain unaffiliated for a period of six months, he at once ceases to be a member of his Chapter."

"We are also surprised that Comp. DRUMMOND has thrown down the glove, and challenges us 'to find an instance that there was such a thing as *compulsory dues* prior to the anti-Masonic storm.' We accept the challenge and produce the proofs."

"The By-Laws of Lodge No. 3, 1787, makes the payment of dues compulsory."

"Lodge No. 2, of this city, by their minutes show, in 1796, suspension for non-payment of dues."

"The publications of the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania for the year 1801, publishes a number of cases of *expulsions* for non-payment of dues."

"In 1804 the Grand Lodge of Maryland notified the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania, and the latter published the names of a number of members of subordinate Lodges who were *expelled* for non-payment of dues."

"In 1805 the Grand Lodges of Kentucky expelled and suspended for non-payment of dues. North Carolina suspended. Nova Scotia expelled and suspended; and from that time until 1820, when the Grand Lodge of Pennsylvania ceased to publish such suspensions, we find that the Grand Lodges of Virginia, Ohio, Tennessee and Indiana expelled and suspended for non-payment of dues. We might name more, but we are challenged only to name *one* instance."

"Therefore it does not appear very *new* law, but older than the Grand Lodge of Maine, which was organized in June 24th, 1820, not quite *sixty years ago*."

"Again, we must differ from Comp. DRUMMOND. The old Constitution does not say, 'You may pay dues and be a member of a Lodge,' but it says plainly and unmistakably that every Mason *ought* to belong to a Lodge, &c."

"The Maine Masonic Text-Book, compiled by our Comp. DRUMMOND, page 13, says:—

"Experience has shown that Masons do not always obey the laws of the Institution, and that it sometimes becomes necessary to inflict punishment on that account. Every violation of the laws of Masonry is an offense for which the Mason committing it may be punished. The Masonic law requires us to obey the moral law, the laws of our country, the Constitution, Regulations and well-established customs of the Fraternity, and to keep our obligations; hence a violation of any of these is a Masonic offense."

"A Mason is obligated to obey the By-Laws of his Lodge. The Lodge says every member shall pay annual dues; a failure to do so cripples the Lodge financially, and is a violation of the obligation, and is a Masonic offense both against the Lodge and the Grand Lodge which is dependent on the subordinate for support.

"Membership can be severed only by dismission, death, suspension or expulsion. Membership is honorable; suspension for any cause is dishonorable. A Mason who can pay his dues, and does not, is not honest, and should be dishonored.

"It is no punishment in Maine to suspend a Mason from membership in his Lodge, it merely unaffiliates him. If we understand the Maine law, the suspended-for-non-payment-of-dues Mason can visit any Lodge (except the one in which he was suspended); if the Lodge chooses to admit him; he may apply for assistance, and, if the Lodge chooses, they can assist him; he may be buried with Masonic honors if the Lodge so wishes. The same privileges has the Mason in good standing in his Lodge, who pays his honest debts to the Lodge, and assists in its support.

"Such is not the law in Pennsylvania, and we venture to say, in a large majority of Grand Lodges in this country. With us 'suspension' has no qualification. It means all that the word implies. It suspends him from all his functions, Masonically, in the Lodge, Chapter, Commandery, and in the Ancient Accepted Rite, in which latter body they have adopted what we have always had in our Chapters, the doctrine of compulsory membership.

"No Mason is suspended in Pennsylvania without due and timely notice, and a chance to be heard in his defense. If unable by poverty or misfortune to pay his dues, his dues are promptly remitted. If he is suspended for non-payment of dues, he has an opportunity, within twelve months, to pay the amount, and, by a two-thirds vote of the members present, may be restored to membership in his Lodge. If after that time, he is required to petition in the usual form for membership, and after investigation by a committee of three, favorable report and unanimous ballot, he may regain his membership. Royal Arch Masonry is grounded upon the Blue Lodge. It receives its initiates from that source, and depends upon it for support as far as regards its initiates, and cannot question any of its acts or go behind the records.

"There is a way open for those who do not wish to pay their dues, and that is to dimt after honorably paying their dues.

"It is true, according to the report of Comp. DRUMMOND, you stand in the same category as the brother who has been suspended for not paying them; but you have this consolation,—that you are an honest man, and that it is gentlemanly and Masonic to do so.

"We have extended this review further than we intended, in justice to ourselves, and, in conclusion, would say, that we have not yet heard of any Grand Chapter which considers itself grossly insulted by our preamble and resolutions of February last, unless Comp. DRUMMOND is the Grand Chapter of Maine, for we find nothing in the official proceedings on the subject. In our opinion the subject is argued by him more in the manner of special pleading, and has neither the fact nor the general universal Masonic law on his side."

We dislike to interfere in a tilt between two such doughty champions, but were we to express an opinion, we should say that Comp. MEYER has decidedly the best of the argument.

The M. E. WILLIAM C. HAMILTON was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOHN THOMSON was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### QUEBEC.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1878-79 are before us.

The second Annual Convocation was held in the city of Montreal on the twenty-fifth day of September, 1878,—the M. E. J. H. GRAHAM, Grand Z., presiding, the R. E. J. T. McMINN being Grand Scribe E.

Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand Z., in his Address, says: "Unity and harmony have prevailed amongst our companions." He also states that the Grand Chapter of Canada had sent them,

"with her maternal benediction," the sum of \$500,—a substantial token of the regard in which the parent holds her offspring.

He expresses his pleasure at the promptitude with which thirty-five Grand Chapters had accorded them a fraternal recognition, and at the assurance received from the remainder that a like cordial welcome will be extended to them from those Grand Bodies at their forthcoming Annual Convocations.

An address was forwarded to his Royal Highness the Prince of Wales, "M<sup>r</sup>. W. W. Grand Master of the United Grand Lodge of England, A. F. & A. M., including the Holy Royal Arch," informing him of the organization of the Grand Chapter of Quebec, and bearing its fraternal salutations and loyal greetings to the illustrious head of the Order in England.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Masters of England and Wales was duly recognized.

The Grand Scribe E., Comp. JAMES T. McMINN, presented a good Report on Correspondence, in which the proceedings of forty-one Grand Bodies, including the Grand Mark Lodge of England and the General Grand Chapter, are courteously reviewed.

In his very kind and fraternal review of California, he notices with pleasure the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Quebec by that of California, and the exchange of Representatives which has been effected between our respective Grand Chapters. He quotes the decision of Comp. KNAPP, relative to objection after election, upon which he says:—

"We consider an objection at any stage after a clear ballot should be the subject of investigation as well as afterwards; but we are glad to see California making such advances in the right direction as are indicated by the latter portion of this decision. We hope she will soon receive more light."

It will certainly require a grand illumination, companion, to induce us to change our views upon this question.

In his review of Canada we are pleased to find that he does not indorse the views of Comp. ROBERTSON relative to the effect of suspension by a Lodge upon Chapter membership. He defines his position as follows:—

"Comp. ROBERTSON considers us doubtful of his position as to the effect of Lodge suspension on Chapter's membership, but as open to conviction, and refers us to his remarks on this question under Maine and Oregon. We have read them with pleasure and fully appreciate them. This, however, is not quite clear to our mind yet; will Comp. ROBERTSON please enlighten us on the following. In Quebec, and we presume in Canada, a brother suspended for non-payment of Lodge dues, being debarred from visiting his own or any other Lodge, we cannot associate with him Masonically in the Lodge. Why should we be compelled to do so elsewhere, more especially when he has been deprived of that essential to Chapter membership, 'good standing as a Master Mason,' which alone entitles him to a seat in a Royal Arch Chapter. We trust we have made our meaning clear, and await Comp. ROBERTSON's reply. We at the same time agree with our Canada companion that independent Chapter action is absolutely requisite to effect Chapter suspension, but we also hold that the fact of Lodge suspension of a companion being fully vouched for to a Chapter by a companion in good standing, should be a sufficient ground for Chapter action."

He says: "We don't allow visitors to vote on petitions for degrees, nor are public installations of Lodge or Chapter officers permissible in our jurisdiction."

The third Annual Convocation was held in the city of Montreal on the twenty-third day of September, 1879,—the M<sup>r</sup>. E<sup>c</sup>. JOHN H. GRAHAM, Grand Z., presiding, the R<sup>r</sup>. E<sup>c</sup>. ANGUS GRANT being Grand Scribe E.

Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand Z., in a very able Address, thus speaks of the condition of the "Craft at home":—

"The year just closed has been one of concord and fraternal harmony, and the overseers and workmen have most commendably manifested their desire to lay the foundations of Capitular Masonry within our jurisdiction, wisely and well. No case of dissonance has been submitted to me for adjudication; and to the extent of my observation, it appears that the materials received for the erection of our superstructure, if not so great in quantity, have been of superior quality, and well fitted

for the acceptance and approval of the chief overseers, and for the upbuilding and beautifying of our symbolic temple. It may moreover be justly inferred that the increasing zeal and intelligence so happily being displayed in Craft Masonry, and the favorable dawning of greater material prosperity, everywhere observable within our borders, will cause many of the more expert and able of Master Masons to seek exaltation to the supreme degree of the Royal Arch, and thus reach the perfect consummation of the labors and rewards of Ancient Craft Masonry."

He congratulates his companions upon their recognition as a Grand Chapter by seven more Grand Chapters and by the Grand Mark Lodge of England, and that Representatives had been reciprocally appointed.

An answer to the address sent to the Prince of Wales had been received, in which His Royal Highness thanks the Grand Chapter of Quebec for the "good wishes expressed towards himself personally, and the Grand Body over which he deems it an honor to preside, and most especially for the sentiments of loyalty and attachment to which they give utterance to Her Majesty, his beloved mother, the Queen, and for the blessings they have invoked on the Princess of Wales and the members of the Royal family."

The Grand Z. earnestly impresses upon his companions the importance of selecting and recording their marks, so that the Book of Marks may be a complete record of every Mark Master Mason's mark, made within its jurisdiction and under its authority.

Relative to Masonic funerals, he makes the following remarks, which we fully indorse:—

"From time immemorial, it has been a custom among the fraternity of Free and Accepted Masons, at the request of a brother, to accompany his corpse to the place of interment, and there deposit his remains with the usual formalities; and although on this continent the Holy Royal Arch, for its better governance, is under the authority of a separate Grand Body, yet it remains, as ever, an indivisible part, and is the copestone of Ancient Craft Free Masonry, and hence has no need of a separate form of burial service for its deceased members, as our companions clothed in their distinctive regalia, are wholly identified with the other members of our ancient fraternity in the performance of the sad funeral rites. But as more especially in our day, many commendable benefit and other societies have sprung into existence, and to one or more of which members of our Order may properly belong, and as some of these excellent bodies have adopted, or in part borrowed from the Craft, a form of burial service, it becomes therefore highly desirable that the immemorial principles and practice of our Order, relating to burial, should be fully understood and prudently carried out. The rulers of the Craft should therefore always bear in mind, that it is only at the request of a brother that his remains are to be honored with Masonic burial, the formalities of which, at the grave, take place immediately after the services of the church to which the deceased may have belonged or was in some way connected, and the Masonic services close the last mournful rites.

"The Craft cannot, therefore, take part in or unite with any other Body or Bodies in having a double or triple funeral service at the grave. No member of our fraternity should make a request to be buried by any society, if he desires Masonic rites of sepulture, but if he has done so, and if it is arranged that the burial services of any other Body, except those of the Church are to be performed, the Craft cannot then rightly perform any burial service. This practice does not arise from any assumed superiority, or from any want of good will to such societies on the part of our fraternity, but because it is required by immemorial custom, and is adhered to, in order to have everything on such sad occasions, 'done decently and in order,' and to promote peace, harmony and concord."

Comp. FRANK EDGAR, from the Committee on Correspondence, presented the following apology for the absence of a full report:—

"The committee regret that owing to the withdrawal from active work in the Grand Chapter of the Past Grand Scribe E., who was appointed Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, at the last convocation of the Grand Chapter, the report for this year must be limited to a simple acknowledgment of the receipt of the proceedings of the several Grand Bodies in fraternal intercourse with this Grand Chapter; but they hope that in future the subject of Foreign Correspondence will receive the attention its importance requires; as well for the information of the members of the Grand Chapter, and in order that we may receive and communicate opinions and judgments on all important subjects that may arise in connection with Royal Arch Masonry throughout the world.

"The reports received bear evidence of the continued prosperity of the Royal Craft in all the jurisdictions."

We are pleased to notice that a committee on Correspondence was appointed, and we hope for a full report next year.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec has commenced its existence under favorable auspices, and has our hearty good wishes for its future welfare and prosperity.

The *M. E.* JOHN HAMILTON GRAHAM was re-elected Grand Z., and the *R. E.* ANGUS GRANT was elected Grand Scribe E.

#### RHODE ISLAND.

The eighty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Providence on the eleventh day of March, 1879,—the *M. E.* and Rev. WILLIAM N. ACKLEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. GREENE being Grand Secretary.

Ten subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest treats of matters almost entirely local, being simply a recital of his official acts. He pays fraternal tributes to the memories of four companions who died since the last Annual Convocation.

Of the State of the Order in that jurisdiction he says:—

"The amount of work done in the jurisdiction during the year has been much greater than the year previous, although less than might be looked for in prosperous times. I believe that there is no stagnation owing to any lack of interest on the part of officers or companions. On the contrary, I find everywhere a noble Masonic spirit prevailing, and works of charity and benevolence do not languish among the members of the Order. The fact that no questions of a perplexing nature have come up for advisement or action must assure us of the general reign within our borders of peace, harmony and law."

Among the special dispensations granted was

"One to *Scituate* Chapter, No. 8, to do business and vote for degrees in a Mark Master's Lodge, provided that all present be Royal Arch Masons, and that due and timely notice be given to every member of the name of the applicant and the time when the election should be held. This action was deemed advisable in view of the fact that the active members of this Chapter are somewhat scattered, and the consequent difficulty of securing a sufficient attendance at the stated meetings to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

This strikes us as a new departure in the matter of special dispensations. When a Chapter is so far gone that a sufficient number of its members cannot be assembled at a stated meeting to open and transact its business, we think that "*hic jacet*" should be written upon its altar, and its memory be preserved in the mortuary record.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$1,357.09.

The Grand Chapter voted to present its library to the Grand Lodge.

The Grand Treasurer was directed to invest eight hundred dollars in such manner that the principal can be used only on the order of the Grand Chapter and under its seal, the investment to be added to the permanent funds of the Grand Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence is the joint production of Comps. GEORGE H. BURHAM and GEORGE M. CARPENTER, Jr. The proceedings of forty Grand Chapters are reviewed, California for 1878 included. No extracts are made, but the report is written solid, and such reports are difficult to review.

Relative to our action upon the transfer of the Council degrees, the committee say:—

"The matter was submitted to the General Grand Chapter, which took no notice of it. The committee expected a refusal, but got not even that; as the committee says in its report, 'our uncle of the General Grand Chapter looked wise, but made no sign,' so the matter lies over till the next Triennial, when the Companions of California propose to try it again, not deeming it prudent to proceed without the consent of the General Grand Chapter, (which is much favored in having so considerate a subordinate;) in the meantime other Grand Chapters have 'gone and done it' and still remain in good standing."

Under the head of Alabama, we extract the following :—

"A scheme of 'beneficial endowment, was proposed and referred to a committee to report at next Annual Convocation. This seems to us a most extraordinary 'departure.' Such societies are to our mind, excellent in their place, but have no place as an adjunct to a Masonic body which as such, we believe, cannot without danger adopt them. The principle upon which such societies are established, is totally at variance with that upon which Masonic Bodies are founded, and to introduce new elements and new principles so radically different from those now existing, it seems to us must also introduce discord."

We concur.

The following remarks in response to Comp. DADMON of Massachusetts, are sound and incontrovertible :—

"He is not a believer in forced affiliation although of the opinion that a Mason *ought* to be a member of some body, but we think his idea that forced affiliation would force attendance and consequently the payment of dues is rather far fetched. He asks 'is this in keeping with our free will and accord?' The initiate of his own free will and accord, promises compliance with by-laws and regulations; and so makes these covenants; now if affiliation is required by the regulations of the jurisdiction, it is of his free will. If he becomes unable to pay his share towards the support of the institution, he is not compelled to pay. If able, but unwilling to pay, he ought not to be allowed to set up the cry that forcing him to pay, interferes with his 'free will' and still permit him to enjoy the privileges of membership. If one shares the pleasures, he should the burdens also, and it ought to be understood by every Mason, that the duties and responsibilities are not all on the side of the Lodge or Chapter."

In conclusion the Committee say :—

"In mere numbers the membership of the Capitular branch of the Masonic Fraternity has considerably decreased in the aggregate, although in fifteen of the jurisdictions it has increased. The decrease from natural causes, however, is very light; the most of the falling off being suspensions for non-payment of dues. As Chapters, or Masonic bodies generally, do not suspend for this cause when the parties are unable to pay, we are constrained to believe that the greater part of such suspensions are but a voluntary withdrawal. The withdrawing element can well be spared; 'they came among us uninvited, and upon their departure there is no restraint.' Doubtless the many beneficial societies influence many withdrawals, but to the true Mason these cannot supply the place of the Masonic body. In nearly one-third of the jurisdictions arrangements have been or are being made for conferring the Council degrees in the Chapters, and the plan, we think, is growing in favor, although warmly opposed in some jurisdictions; and some have not adopted the plan for the reason only that the General Grand Chapter has not given its sanction."

There are ten subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, with a total membership of 1,638.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter for 1878 were not received by us in time for review in our last report, but are now before us.

The Annual Convocation for that year was held in the city of Charleston on the twelfth day of February,—the M. E. WILLIAM H. BLAKE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. J. E. BURKE being Grand Secretary.

Twenty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, congratulates his companions upon the happy auspices under which they meet in Annual Convocation. No vacancy in their ranks had been caused by death, and the fraternal chain remained unbroken. Peace reigned throughout the jurisdiction, and no cause of difference or disquietude existed. With few exceptions, the Chapters were at work, and "with commendable zeal and fidelity were endeavoring to strengthen their foundations and repair the losses which have resulted from the financial and business depression of the past few years."

No application for a dispensation to form a new Chapter had been made, nor a single complaint preferred. He reported their relations with sister Grand Chapters to be "most pleasant and harmonious."



He feelingly alluded to the death of the venerable JOHN DOVE, Grand Secretary of Virginia, and GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, Grand Secretary of Missouri.

He urged upon the subordinate Chapters the importance of providing for the use of their members a library of standard Masonic works, and to collect and have bound the Annual Proceedings of the Grand Chapter. In this connection he says:—

“A knowledge of Masonic jurisprudence, history and literature, is not less essential to a just appreciation of the value of the Institution, than to a proper administration of its government. A Chapter, composed of worthy and intelligent members, and faithful workmen, though numerically small, will be more valuable to society and receive more honor from God and man, than one made up from a multitude whose object is not to improve themselves in Masonry, but to promote their own interest or ambition.”

The Grand Chapter of Quebec was formally recognized and heartily welcomed as a legitimate Grand Body.

A committee of three was appointed to communicate with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters in relation to the transfer of those degrees to the Chapters, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The Report on Correspondence was presented by the Grand Secretary, Comp. J. E. BURKE, and contains a *resumé* of the transactions of forty Grand Chapters, and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. California, for 1877, receives kindly and fraternal notice. He quotes approvingly from the Address of Comp. ABELL, and from the report of the Grand Lecturer, relative to levity in the ceremonies of the Royal Arch degree, and says “It is about time that sort of thing should cease.” He also quotes from the Report on Correspondence, and, upon the question of suspension for non-payment of dues, he says:—

“With fair notice and an opportunity to correct his error, we think a delinquent has received his Masonic rights, and the Chapter may act without a more formal trial. There is in fact a trial, though not with the formalities of other Masonic offences. When we characterize the non-payment of dues, however, as a Masonic offence, we do not allude to the case of one *unable* to pay—we cannot suppose that a Lodge or Chapter would exclude such an one.”

The Annual Convocation for 1879 was held in the city of Charleston on the eleventh day of February, the M. E. W. G. DE SAUSSURE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. J. E. BURKE being Grand Secretary. Nineteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest alludes in his Address to the “vast pall” which has fallen upon all the industries and pursuits not only in this country, but generally throughout the commercial world, and in this depression, he says, South Carolina has shared. He was able to give them but few words of cheer relative to the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in that State, as the stern necessity of support to wives and children had prevented much of accession, and had compelled some to depart from their sanctuaries. The depression had produced no discord, but the outer pressure had cemented the companions into a closer and more indissoluble union.

He decided in the case of a brother, who, upon receiving the Past Master's degree, left the hall before the charge was delivered to him, and would not return, that he was not entitled to the remaining degrees until he returned and received the charge; that being an integral part of all the degrees.

Also, that erasure from membership in a Lodge, (striking from the roll) for non-payment of dues, does not affect his *status* in his *particular* Chapter, but a Mason unaffiliated from this cause, cannot be accepted as a candidate in any Chapter in this jurisdiction; “Such a Mason holds his membership unaffected in his *particular* Chapter, but cannot be admitted as a *visitor* in any other Chapter while so affiliated.”

The above decision presents the anomaly of a Royal Arch Mason in good standing in his own Chapter, but *tabooed* in all others.

Section 8, Article XIX, of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of South Carolina, reads as follows :—

" Any Royal Arch Mason, not affiliated with a Symbolic Lodge, for more than twelve months, shall not be allowed to hold Masonic communication with any Chapter, and if a member thereof, shall forfeit his membership."

Thus if a Royal Arch Mason remains unaffiliated with a Symbolic Lodge for a period longer than twelve months, he forfeits both his membership in his own Chapter, and the right to visit others.

The Grand High Priest says :—

" Engaged during the autumn in preparing some historical matters connected with the Grand Lodge, A. F. M., South Carolina, it had been my purpose to prepare at the same time some sketch of Capitular Masonry in this jurisdiction. The pressure of other engagements prevented, but I indulge the hope of being able to do so at some future time. At present the history of Capitular Masonry in South Carolina is but little known, even to the most diligent and best informed companions. The material from which to construct a sketch is imperfect, by the reason of the loss of records ; but something may be done, and I hope to be able to make this as a contribution on my part to the better knowledge of the Royal Arch degrees."

Everything connected with the history of Royal Arch Masonry in the various jurisdictions is of general interest to the Craft, and it is hoped that the Grand High Priest will be enabled to carry out his design, and shed " more light " upon the early history of the Order in South Carolina.

He concludes his Address as follows :—

" You may ask, companions, of those whom you have appointed to preside over you, what suggestions they can make for the resuscitation of Capitular Masonry in South Carolina, and I frankly reply for the Grand Council that we are at a loss what to advise. We are depressed because the commercial world is out of joint. Statesmen and financiers have alike failed to discover the proper methods to be pursued to relieve the financial perplexities. A mighty ebb has followed upon an unexampled flow of apparent prosperity, and the human understanding cannot fathom the depth to which the ebb will go ere it ceases, and the flood be resumed. But the purposes of Masonry, as we believe, are such as meet the approval of the Great Architect. In that wonderful law pronounced among the thunderings and smoke of Mount Sinai, He summarized the duty of man to be love to God and love to man. Masonry eminently insist upon these as Masonic duties, and its foundations rest upon that law. Reverently trusting in Him, and that He will care for our Institution, we may hope that the response to the inquiry is in the words of promise, 'The morning cometh.' In your deliberations His aid and guidance is invoked ere you commence your labors, and I feel assured that He will so decree them as to cause you to do that which He seeth to be best."

The three Chapters located in the city of Charleston petitioned the Grand Chapter to be consolidated into one, and the prayer of the petitioners was granted.

In view of the financial depression,—there being a deficiency in the treasury of \$294.91,—it was ordered that the proceedings be printed without the Report on Correspondence.

The committee appointed to confer with the Grand Council relative to the proposed union of the two bodies, presented the following resolution adopted by that Grand Body :—

" *Resolved*, That the Grand Council of South Carolina, are willing to surrender to the M. E. Grand Chapter of South Carolina, the Cryptic Degrees, if said surrender can be made on just and equitable terms, and that a committee consisting of the three highest officers be appointed to effect said transfer, and to take the proper steps to perfect the same, and they make a final report at the next meeting of the Grand Council."

The report of the Committee is as follows :—

" The committee appointed at the last Convocation of the Grand Chapter, to confer with a similar committee of the Grand Council upon the subject of giving the Royal and Select Master's Degrees to the Chapters of R. A. M., beg leave to report :

" They find that a Committee was appointed at the Seventh Triennial Meeting of the General Grand Chapter, which was held on 10th September, 1829, to take

into consideration the subject of giving the degrees of Royal and Select Masters to the Chapters, offered the following resolution :

"Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter cordially recommend to the different Councils in the United States, to adopt measures to place those degrees under the authority of the State Grand Chapters ; which resolution was adopted.

"At the twelfth meeting of the General Grand Chapter held on 10th September, 1844, the Grand Secretary reported the matter to the General Grand Chapter, and the General Grand Chapter after re-considering the report of the committee made in 1829, adopted the report of said committee, with amendments.

"On the 13th September, 1850, the committee on the Royal and Select Master's Degrees, reported to the General Grand Chapter that it was inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action on the subject of forming a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters; which report was adopted.

"On the 16th September, 1853, a committee on Royal and Select Masters made a report to the General Grand Chapter, and offered the following :

"Resolved, That the General Grand Chapter and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masons affiliated with and holding jurisdiction under it, have no rightful jurisdiction or control over the degrees of Royal and Select Masters.

"Resolved, That this General Grand Chapter will hereafter entertain no question or matter growing out of the government, or working of those degrees in their present position ; which we agree to.

"22nd August, 1877, a committee on petition of the Grand Council and Grand Chapter of Mississippi to have the Royal and Select Masters' degrees given to the Chapters, recommended that the petitions be not granted, which upon being submitted to the General Grand Chapter, the further consideration of the subject was postponed until the next Triennial Convocation.

"The committee recommend the adoption of the following :

"Resolved, That the matter of giving the degrees of Royal and Select Masters' degrees be continued in the hands of the committee, with authority to act with the Committee of the Grand Council in carrying out the proposed union."

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### TENNESSEE.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter did not come to hand until the first day of April, rather late for our present report ; nevertheless we cheerfully make a place for her.

The fifty-first Annual Convocation was held in the city of Nashville on the twelfth day of November, 1879,—the M. E. BENJAMIN F. HALLER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN FRIZZELL being Grand Secretary. Fifty-six chartered Chapters and one under dispensation were represented, leaving thirty-seven without representation.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief, and is confined to matters of local interest only. He says :—

"Since we last met our jurisdiction has again been visited by that fearful pestilence which last year desolated so many happy homes, and caused our Order to mourn for the loss of so many of our companions. Again poor Memphis has been made desolate by an epidemic of yellow fever, and thousands of her citizens mourn for the loved ones who repose in the silent chambers appointed for the living. Whilst our deepest sympathies go forth to those who have been bereaved, we should humbly thank the Most High God that he has dealt gently with our loved Order. Last year our loss from yellow fever was twenty-one ; this year one, Comp. W. W. LOCKHARD, a member of Memphis Chapter, No. 95."

He had visited a number of the subordinate Chapters, and was satisfied with their condition and workings ; but owing to the prevalence of the epidemic, he was unable to visit as extensively as he desired.

He had granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, and four special dispensations for various purposes. In answer to a question, he decided that a subordinate Chapter had the right to make a by-law excluding from visitation non-affiliated Royal Arch Masons. Such a by-law, if properly modified, would be well enough ; but some period of non-affiliation should be specified, otherwise a companion who withdrew from his Chapter for the purpose of joining another, or for any other purpose, would as soon as his dimit was granted be obliged to retire, and could not visit a Chapter until he again affiliated.

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Chapters of Massachusetts, Mississippi, and Texas.

He recommended that in future it be made the duty of the Grand Secretary to prepare a Report on Correspondence, and that he be allowed a reasonable compensation for that service; but owing to a stringency in the financial department, the Grand Chapter declined to incur the expense.

The Finance Committee reports a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$605.19, and liabilities amounting to \$491.78 still unliquidated.

The ninety-three Chapters in this jurisdiction have a total membership of 3,145.

The *M. E.* JOE H. BULLOCK was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### VERMONT.

The sixty-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Burlington on the thirteenth day of June, 1879,—the *M. E.* EDWARD S. DANA, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB being Grand Secretary.

Twenty-five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief, and principally confined to local matters. He announces that the subordinate Chapters have been generally prosperous, and that "harmony and good will have prevailed."

Comp. WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER was appointed Representative of the Grand Chapter of Vermont near the Grand Chapter of California. A fraternal tribute was paid to the memory of the lamented Comp. CORSON, of New Jersey.

The proceedings were entirely local in their nature, and present no peg upon which we can hang a criticism. The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in his hands of \$1,055.39.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared by the Grand High Priest, Comp. EDWARD S. DANA. The report is not so full as usual, owing to the non-reception of the proceedings of several of the Grand Chapters. This was the result of the change in the time of holding the Annual Convocation from September to June. We regret the fact that California was one of the missing. Thirty-five, however, were received, which leaves but few to account for.

Comp. DANA is not in favor of the "Mississippi plan." He thinks the degrees would be worth more if properly conferred in independent Councils. He is in favor of letting merit alone be the test of qualification for all official positions in the Chapters. He is not in favor of allowing visitors to vote in the Chapters. Under the head of Maryland, in alluding to the report of Comp. SCHULTZ, he says:—

"He still thinks that visitors ought to ballot on petitions for the degrees; but finds little sympathy in this view, except from our friend DRUMMOND, of Maine, who thinks this is the 'pure original old Dr Jacob Townsend preparation.' But if so, it hardly seems adapted to our present ways and ills."

He humorously criticises a decision of the Grand High Priest of Michigan, "that a restoration for unmasonic conduct can only be made by ballot," as follows:—

"We had not supposed they restored people for 'unmasonic conduct,' even 'out West,' where they have some new-fangled notions; but as it does not always do to question their proceedings, we wait with becoming modesty and curious interest for General INNES to explain to us what this proceeding means."

Under the head of Quebec he says:—

"In commenting on our report of that year, Comp. McMINN says he can see no equitable reason why an objection, after ballot, should have the same force as a black ball.

"We can see the reason. The whole theory of Masonry proceeds upon the ground of admitting no one to a Masonic body without the unanimous consent of its members. This is done to secure harmony in the Craft, admitting no candidate who is objectionable to any member. If a member is absent when a candidate is balloted for, his objection, made before the degrees are conferred, ought to have, and does

have, in most jurisdictions, the same force as if the objector had cast a black ball. Some even go further, and say the candidate must not renew his petition until the objection is withdrawn. This, however, we do not subscribe to; believing that an objection made before any degree is taken, should operate the same as a black ball; no more, and no less."

In this jurisdiction there are twenty-five Chapters, having a total membership of 1908.

The *M. E.* ALFRED A. HALL was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### VIRGINIA.

The seventy-second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Richmond on the eleventh day of December, 1879,—the *M. E.* ALFRED S. LEE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. ISAACS being Grand Secretary. Twenty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, says:—

"We are, my companions, too apt to take a superficial view of our beautiful ritualistic forms and ceremonies, and overlook the great and fundamental principles of truth and virtue which they inculcate.

"Truth, we are told, is a divine attribute, and the foundation of every virtue. To be good men and true is the first lesson we are taught in Masonry; and if these lessons shall be exemplified in our conduct to each other and to our fellow-men, then and then only can we appropriate to ourselves the proud title of a workman who needeth not to be ashamed. Companions, what better message can I bring you than the assurance that we meet with no ill-natured jealousies or unsettled grievances to mar the harmony of our fraternal greeting? No note of discord has been heard throughout the length and breadth of our extensive jurisdiction."

Only one question of Masonic law had been presented for his decision, which was the following:—

"*Question.* Has a subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction the right to confer the Council degrees on a companion who is a member of a Chapter in another jurisdiction? Which I answered in the negative.

"There has been no law enacted by this Grand Chapter on the subject since these degrees were first transferred from the Grand Council to the Grand Chapter, when a resolution was adopted (see Methodical Digest, page 154) authorizing the subordinate Chapters to confer them on their members free of charge.

"This legislation was at the time necessary and proper, but has since become obsolete, as no subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction exalts any candidate before he has received the Council degrees. I would, therefore, recommend such legislation as will permit our subordinates to confer these degrees upon Royal Arch Masons hailing from other jurisdictions where there are no Grand Councils, the permission of his Chapter having been previously obtained, charging such fees for the same as are prescribed by their by-laws."

The death of Past Grand High Priest EDWARD H. LANE is announced, and a memorial page is inscribed to his memory, and another to the memory of Comp. THOMAS J. COERSON of New Jersey.

As an evidence of returning prosperity the Grand High Priest states that one of the subordinate Chapters had paid to the Grand Secretary the sum of \$138 dues, remitted in 1869.

On consultation with the Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, they came to the conclusion that it was judicious to omit the report this year. This, we presume, was owing to the weak condition of the treasury, as the Committee on Grand Treasurer's accounts report the small balance on hand of \$41.16.

The Grand Lecturer, Comp. JAMES EVANS, resigned his office, to which he had been annually appointed for twenty-five years.

The number of Chapters making returns was thirty-five; number of members, 1,639.

The *M. E.* SAMUEL M. BOWMAN was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. ISAACS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

The proceedings of this Grand Chapter for the years 1877-78 have been received, and are comprised in a pamphlet of thirty-eight pages. The seventh Annual Convocation was held in the city of Martinsburg on the fifteenth day of November, 1877,—the M. E. KEPHART D. WALKER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ODELL S. LONG being Grand Secretary. Twelve subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, unlike many such productions, is not a paper to be skimmed lightly over; but is a carefully prepared, able and interesting paper. It is such an Address as Comp. HENDERSON, of Kentucky, offered a premium for. It actually contains ideas; nothing particularly novel, perhaps, but good sound practical Masonic ideas, which are calculated to benefit the Craft; and in the absence of a Report on Correspondence upon which to bestow our criticism, our companions will excuse us if we quote somewhat freely from this excellent Address.

Having probably in his mind the action of the Grand Orient of France in eliminating the idea of the existence of God from their Masonry, he says:—

"It has been questioned whether the common multitude of the ancient Jews, the Jews of the time of Solomon, whence the greater part of our Masonic traditions profess to flow, believed in the immortality of the soul or the resurrection of the body. It is certain that in the time of Christ a large and influential class of the Jewish people, the Sadducees, believed that bodily death ended everything, and that nothing was immortal. But even in that age, and for many years beyond, in fact from the historical beginning of human life, the idea of the soul's immortality has been cherished and transmitted to generation after generation of the sons of men, until it has now become a part of our common history, and is so intimately interwoven with our Masonic ceremonies and dogma that a disbeliever of the immortality of the soul has no more part in our brotherhood than the fool who has said in his heart: 'There is no God.' There is no place in the whole realm of Freemasonry for such a being. World wide as is Masonic charity, and universal as are its sublime teachings, it cannot comprehend the case of one who believes that death is extinction and that there is not another life beyond the grave. Our whole system rests upon the belief of a Supreme Deity and the immortality of the soul. These are the two pillars, 'Jachin and Boaz,' upon which the Masonic superstructure is reared, and in the absence of either of these it cannot be said that our temple is established in strength. Indeed, it is not improbable that the inculcation of these doctrines was the chief object of the ancient mysteries from which our Masonic fraternity has sprung, that these truths, now so generally accepted, were the secrets which were guarded with so jealous care and communicated only to the favored few who endured the test of initiation."

No dispensations for the formation of new Chapters had been granted or applied for, but this he does not regard as evidence of a lack of interest in the Order, but rather as an indication that brethren who have contemplated the organization of new Chapters "have wisely concluded to wait until assured of such strength in numbers and in influence as will enable them to maintain a vigorous and successful body."

He believes, and rightly too, that a feeble, listless Masonic organization often proves a positive detriment to the cause which it professes to promote; for brethren who would be acceptable and zealous members are not anxious to identify themselves with a Chapter which maintains only a precarious and semi-torpid existence, and the prosperity of the Order depends, not upon the multiplicity of its Chapters, but upon the stability, vitality and zeal of those already organized.

Representatives were appointed near nineteen Grand Chapters, and reciprocal credentials were received.

We note the following decisions:—

"1st. A Past High Priest is elected High Priest of his Chapter, but a term has intervened since he last held the office. Must he be re-installed?

"Answer.—He must.

"2d. Can a Chapter be opened in the absence of the High Priest, King and Scribe?

"Answer.—It cannot, except by the Grand High Priest in person, or by the companion named in his dispensation.

"3d. A Chapter is opened by a Past High Priest who is High Priest elect, but has not been installed, and work is done in the Mark and Past degrees. What shall be done?

"Answer.—Let the Chapter be opened on the Mark and Past degrees, by one properly authorized to do so, and the candidate re-obligated.

"4th. Can a High Priest elect be installed and act as such before he has received the Order of High Priesthood?

"Answer.—Yes."

He further says:—

"I am in receipt of a letter from R. E. Comp. D. MURRAY LYON, of Scotland, our Representative near that Grand Chapter, in relation to the reported exclusion of Royal Arch Masons hailing from Chapters in Scotland, who desire to visit Chapters in America, upon the ground that the companions desiring admission as visitors had not received the Past Master's degree—a degree which is not conferred nor required in the Royal Arch Chapters of Scotland. I do not know, but am almost certain, that no such exclusion has been ordered in any of the Chapters of West Virginia; there is no regulation upon the subject, the matter never having been heretofore brought to the attention of this Grand Chapter; but I feel assured that the good sense and Masonic knowledge of every High Priest in this jurisdiction would have secured the prompt admittance of a properly proven or vouched for companion Royal Arch Mason from Scotland, while the Chapter was open in any degree the visitor had himself received. If a Lodge of Past Masters were opened in the bosom of a Chapter, of course the visitor would be expected to retire while the ceremonies peculiar to that degree were in progress. This course seems so plainly the dictate of common sense and ordinary reason as applied to the matter under consideration, that I can scarcely think that any formal resolution of the Grand Chapter is necessary for the guidance of subordinate Chapters in this regard. A precisely similar course to that which I have indicated is the common practice in our Chapters when visitors from jurisdictions in which 'the Council degrees' are conferred in a distinct organization and subsequent to the Royal Arch degree seek to enter our Chapters. It is not required of them that they be Royal and Select Masters to entitle them to sit as visitors in Chapters in West Virginia while at work in the Royal Arch degree; but should a Council of Royal and Select Masters be opened in the bosom of the Chapter, the visitors who had not received these degrees would, of course, be expected to retire."

In cases like that above cited we confer the degree upon the visitor gratuitously.

The following views, expressed by the Grand High Priest, are worthy of serious consideration:—

"I can see no special propriety in any longer requiring the Past Master's degree to be conferred in our Chapters 'as a step preparatory to the Royal Arch.' When the Royal Arch degree was still under control of the Lodges, and none but actual Masters or Past Masters were admitted to its membership, the case was very different from that now presented. A distinct organization has been effected, an independent Masonic body has been formed, and the degree which was formerly only a higher degree of the Lodge, has become the head of a new system, having its own preparatory grades. The Past Master's degree as conferred in the Chapter is a mere fiction, a clumsy makeshift to open the Royal Arch degree to those who, under the original plan, would not have been entitled to its benefits. It seems to me about time this 'pious fraud' was abolished as one of the Chapter degrees. With as much reason it might be argued that the Order of High Priesthood should be conferred in a Commandery of Knights Templar as that the Past Master's degree should be conferred in Royal Arch Chapters, yet I do not think that the most zealous advocate of this anomalous degree would take such a position as that. Let it be retained in the Lodge as a necessary part of the qualifications of an elected brother for service as Master or Warden of his Lodge, but now that the Royal Arch Chapter has set up for itself and actual service as Master or Warden of a Lodge is no longer requisite of companionship, why not throw away the flimsy bridge of straw which our Chapters confer as the Past Master's degree? The argument derives strength from the very reprehensible manner in which the degree is frequently conferred, an abuse to which I cannot now more particularly refer, but which earnest men who love and admire the grand and impressive drama of Royal Arch Masonry cannot too seriously deprecate and deplore. The degrees of Royal and Select Master (and to these are added that of Super Excellent Master in some of the jurisdictions in which distinct Councils are organized) did not originally belong to the Royal Arch system as practiced in America. They have been in their main features adopted from the Ancient and Accepted Scottish Rite, and within the past fifty years given their present

place. During the last few years there has been a good deal of discussion in relation to these degrees in States where Grand and subordinate Councils existed, and in Mississippi and California, by consent of both Council and Chapter, these degrees have been relegated to and are hereafter to be conferred in the Royal Arch Chapters of these several States. In North Carolina, also, some steps looking to this end have been taken. If these degrees are to be conferred at all, I am clearly of the opinion that they belong to the Chapters and should precede the Most Excellent Master's and Royal Arch degrees. This is the chronological sequence of the events narrated, but I would much prefer to have our Chapters abandon entirely the attempt to confer these degrees and embody in the explanatory lecture given by the High Priest upon the exaltation of the candidates all of the recital which these degrees supply."

His reference to California as having "relegated the Council degrees to the Chapter," and that they are hereafter to be conferred therein, is incorrect. We cannot yet be classed as *disorganizers*.

He thinks the practice of making the Chapter degrees a mere stepping-stone to the Commandery, is a "most pernicious one and worthy of all condemnation." So say we. He believes that candidates should be required to learn something of the ritual of the preliminary degrees before receiving them into communion as Royal Arch Masons; that they should "tarry in Jericho until their beards be grown." But the greatest evil of all, and the one of which he feels most disposed to complain, is that the companions do not read enough; and he says: "Freemasonry will never have its proper development and respect in West Virginia, until in every Lodge and Chapter there is a club of careful and watchful readers of one or more of the Masonic periodicals of the day." These remarks will apply equally well to other jurisdictions.

The eighth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Wheeling on the fourteenth day of November, 1878,—the Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary as above.

The Grand High Priest's Address is in no degree inferior to the last. He reports the past year to have been an exceedingly quiet one so far as Masonic affairs were concerned. His official acts had been few and unimportant, and nothing had occurred requiring the action of the Grand Chapter. "In fact," he says, "the quiet of the year has been so profound, so destitute of the customary manifestations of vigorous life in the various Royal Arch Chapters under our jurisdiction, as to resemble rather the silence of death than that of healthful and invigorating slumber." The duties of his office had been "as light as any lazy man could wish."

With reference to this apparent apathy he says:—

"To be frank with you, my companions. I do not regard the humdrum quietude of the past year as a favorable omen, or look upon it as in any sense an indication of prosperity. Masonry should not stagnate. But it is impossible to deny or disguise the fact that there is a lamentable lack of interest in Masonic affairs on the part of the vast majority of those who have assumed the vows of our Fraternity. The number of those present at the regular convocations grows monthly less and less, and even among Royal Arch Masons, there is a sort of chilliness vastly at variance with the cheery companionship which should characterize the Chapter. There is an indifference soon succeeded by positive neglect, which is rapidly increasing the number of non-affiliated Masons; and there are thousands to whom the impressive ceremonies of the Fraternity and the beauty of the moral teachings of Masonry, gave at one time an exquisite pleasure, but to whom these things have become tiresome, or, in short, an actual bore. They visit no longer the Lodge or the Chapter; they have forgotten whatever they knew about the traditions of the Temple and the inner meaning of Masonic rites; and tired of paying annual dues for the support of an Institution in which they have lost all interest, obtain dimitts, and their names appear no longer on our rolls. I was about to say they are seen no more of Masons, but upon reflection I have changed the expression. No men are more eager in demanding 'the benefits of Masonry,' none are so apt as they, when soliciting a Masonic customer in trade to make use of some conspicuous emblem, or obtrusive token, or lugged in word or expression to denote that they 'deal upon the square;' and none are so persistent as they to demand nursing in sickness, relief in poverty, and Masonic funeral rites at



death. These are unpleasant facts, companions, but they are *facts* nevertheless, and it becomes us as Masons to look them squarely in the face. We cannot ignore them if we would, and we should not if we could."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$94.62.

The number of Chapters making returns is twelve, and the total membership 465.

The *M. E.* JOHN W. GRANTHAM was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* ODELL S. LONG was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### WISCONSIN.

Last, but by no means least, upon our list comes the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin.

The twenty-ninth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Milwaukee on the eighteenth day of February, 1879.—the *M. E.* OLIVER LEBBEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN W. WOODHULL being Grand Secretary.

Forty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented, leaving only four absent. These forty-eight subordinates were represented by ninety-one companions, having an aggregate vote of 165.

The Convocation was opened with the "beautiful and appropriate devotional service prepared by the Rev. Grand Chaplain."

The Grand High Priest in his Address says: "The course of Royal Arch Masonry in our State for the past year has been quiet and undisturbed. It has been marked by no undue excitement, no external complications or internal dissension." He pays a fraternal tribute to the memory of several companions who have "gone before."

The charter of one subordinate Chapter was surrendered, making the first vacancy in their roll. Apathy and indifference and a want of harmony between officers and members led to this result. He deems it to be a matter for congratulation that no applications for dispensations to form new Chapters have been made during the past year.

A large portion of the Address is devoted to the transfer of the Council degrees to the Chapters. The committee appointed at the last Annual Convocation, with a similar committee of the Grand Council, prepared a code of rules for the government of the Chapters in conferring the new degrees. This code was published in a circular to the Chapters. It contained nine sections, but either the language of the circular was so obscure, or the members of the Chapters were so obtuse, that it was not understood; and in order to make the thing clear another circular of nine sections was issued, each section being supplementary to and explanatory of a corresponding one in the former document. The latter circular was calculated to penetrate the most cloudy intellect, and under the system thus devised the experiment was inaugurated.

Referring to this circular, the Grand High Priest says:—

"By reference to the above circulars of instructions, it will be observed that these degrees are not incorporated with those of the Chapter, nor in fact to be conferred in the Chapter at all. The Chapter and Council are each preserved as a distinct organization, the officers being the same in each, and both making their returns to this Grand Chapter. By this arrangement, the constitution of the General Grand Chapter is not violated, neither the number nor style of the degrees actually conferred in the Chapter being in any respect changed."

This looks to us very much like castigating his Satanic Majesty around the stump. The device, to be sure, is an ingenious one, but the desired end, *legality*, is not attained. Section nine of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, reads as follows:—

"The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Mason. And no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such, by reason of his not being in possession of any other so-called degrees."

The language of this section is plain and unmistakable, and there is no evading it. The Grand High Priest endeavors to quiet the "still small voice" by pretending that these degrees "are not incorporated with those of the Chapter, nor in fact to be conferred in the Chapter at all." Vain subterfuge. The veil of sophistry is all too transparent to conceal the fact that an evasion of the law has been attempted, which of itself is sufficient to condemn the scheme. The records say, that a committee was appointed "for the purpose of arranging the preliminaries for the transfer of these degrees to the Chapter." The degrees are conferred by the officers of the Chapter, in the Chapter Hall, and returns of the proceedings are to be made to the Grand Chapter. If this is not "incorporating these degrees with those of the Chapter," we are at a loss for a term to properly define the transaction. True, the degrees are not conferred in the Chapter—that is, not when a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons is opened; but neither are the Mark, Past and Most Excellent Masters' degrees conferred in the Chapter in that sense; and we hold that you have just as much right to close your Chapter, and open a Lodge of Odd Fellows, as to open a Council of Royal and Select Masters. The letter, as well as the spirit, of the law is violated by so doing, for, when a Council of Royal and Select Masters is opened, all Royal Arch Masons who have not received those degrees must of course retire; now, these Royal Arch Masons, being members of your Chapter in good standing, have a right to be present at the meetings of the Chapter, and all Lodges or bodies under its control; and the law distinctly says, that "No Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such by reason of his not being in possession of any other so-called degrees. Twist the matter as you may, there will still stand forth, in bold relief, a broken law and a violated obligation.

The Grand High Priest decided that "it is necessary that nine Royal Arch Masons shall be present in order to open on any one of the four degrees under the immediate jurisdiction of the Chapter."

We do not so understand it. The resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter upon this subject, was introduced by Comp. ALBERT PIKE; the committee to whom the matter was referred having failed to report. It read as follows:—

"Resolved, That there must be present nine Royal Arch Masons to open any of the bodies under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter; but that five may work as a Lodge of Mark Masters, seven as a Lodge of Past Masters, and seven as a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters."

We construe the word "bodies" in the resolution to mean Chapters; and if five may work as Mark Masters, or seven as Past or Most Excellent Masters, they surely have the right to open Lodges of such.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported that a man who has lost one foot is ineligible for the Chapter degrees; that a re-elected officer must be installed, and that an objection made to the advancement of a candidate after election, must be renewed at the expiration of six months. In other words, the objection has the same effect as a black ball, and no more. Correct.

The resolution requiring that "no companion shall be installed as High Priest of his Chapter until he presents a certificate from the Grand High Priest or Grand Lecturer that he is competent to perform the duties of the office," was rescinded.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. J. P. C. CORTELL, reviews the transactions of thirty-one Grand Chapters and the Grand Mark Lodge of England. He complains of the non-receipt of proceedings which ought to have come to hand, and can see no reason why he should not receive reports from every Grand Chapter in the United States at least, and, in fact, from every other Grand Chapter in correspondence with them. He consoles himself for the loss of the absent ones by the reflection that he will have so much less labor to perform.

We join him in the complaint, but prefer to have a full list, even at the expense of additional labor.

California, for 1878, receives kindly notice at his hands. He regards the idea that one Chapter may request another to confer the degrees for it as "rank heresy." In this connection he says :—

"We have always opposed the borrowing and lending of candidates. We have always supposed that a man was a Royal Arch Mason of and in the Chapter that makes him, and of no other. But, under the lending system, to which, after the degrees, does he belong? Certainly not to the Chapter that elected him, for it never made him; certainly not to that which made him, for it never elected him. He is simply an anomaly, irregularly made and 'out of joint.' Besides, the right to object at any time before the O. B. is thus entirely frittered away. We say, let's have none of this business; and think our Grand High Priest decided rightly."

Let us look at this "rank heresy" by the light of common sense, companion. As an illustration we will suppose a case.

A brother in San Francisco is elected to receive the degrees in one of our Chapters, and before there is an opportunity to confer them upon him, he is called by business to Honolulu, in the Hawaiian Islands, perhaps to remain there for a year or more. He is anxious to receive the degrees in order to visit the Chapter in Honolulu and associate with the companions as a Royal Arch Mason: what harm could possibly ensue from our requesting the Chapter at that place to confer the degrees upon him as a favor to us and to him, paying them, if requested, the customary fees? We certainly can see none; and in such cases this course is frequently pursued in this and many other jurisdictions. There is no lending of candidates, and the companion remains a member of the Chapter which elected him. If this is "rank heresy," then write us down a heretic of rank.

This jurisdiction has fifty-two chartered Chapters, with a total membership of 3,128.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

Respectfully submitted.

For the Committee, by

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Chairman*.

On motion of Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, the foregoing report was ordered to be published with the proceedings of this Convocation.

Comp. FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report on the "books, papers and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer":—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your Committee on Finance beg leave to report that they have carefully and thoroughly examined the report, books, papers, and accounts of the Grand Secretary's office; have verified and compared them by the returns of the several subordinate Chapters, and the receipts of the Grand Treasurer. We find them correct in every particular.

We have also examined the report, books, and vouchers of the Grand Treasurer, carefully comparing them with the Grand Secretary's accounts, and find them to be correct.

The bond of the Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$6,000, and of the Grand Treasurer, in the sum of \$10,000, have been placed in our hands for examination. We find them in proper form, and that they were filed with and approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest immediately after the convocation of 1879, as required by order of the Grand Chapter.

We herewith present a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Chapter for the year ending April 12th, 1890 :—

## RECEIPTS.

Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, April, 1879.....	\$4,477 42
Dues received from subordinate Chapters.....	3,449 00
Amount received from late Grand Secretary Wiggin.....	450 00
Dispensation fee, Bodie Chapter.....	75 00
Charter fee from Bodie Chapter.....	50 00
Charter fee from Lakeport Chapter.....	50 00
Fees for special dispensations to elect officers.....	15 00
Fees for special dispensations to ballot without reference.....	45 00
From sale of twelve copies of bound proceedings.....	24 00
From sale of five diplomas.....	10 00
From dividends of Masonic Hall stock, twelve months.....	585 00

**Total amount of balance and receipts,..... \$9,230 42**

### EXPENDITURES.

Expenses of Delegates, Convocation of 1879, per pay roll,.....	\$1,068 80
Expenses of Grand Officers " " " " " ".....	151 30
Salary of Grand Secretary.....	1,800 00
Salary of Grand Organist.....	25 00
Salary of Grand Guard and sundries.....	25 90
Printing and binding proceedings of 1879.....	548 24
Rent of Grand Secretary's office.....	300 00
Contingent expenses of Grand Secretary, postage, stationary, sundry printing, box rent, hanging portraits, etc.....	172 60
Portrait and frame of Past Grand High Priest J. M. Browne,.....	75 00
Expenses of Finance Committee, special investigation, 1878.....	11 00
Furniture, safe and fixtures, Grand Secretary's office.....	200 00
Balance in hands of Grand Treasurer, April 12, 1880.....	4,852 58

**\$9,230 42**

**All of which is respectfully submitted.**

F. D. MEAD, }  
JAMES DODS. } *Committee.*

**Which report was concurred in.**

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Committees :—

**On Charters :**

Comp. Charles Fayette McGlashan,  
 " William Thompson Luther,  
 " Hiram Newton Ruckel,  
 " Adolphus Hewell,  
 " George McCowen.

**On Returns :**

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell,  
 " James Martin Rodgers,  
 " John Ranshaw Lockwood,  
 " George Edward Childs,  
 " Adolph Dobrowsky.

**On By Laws :**

Comp. George Edwin Whitney,  
 " William Buckley Davis,  
 " James Singley,  
 " John Thompson Kinkade,  
 " Wilson Hays.

**On Grievances :**

**Comp. Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,**  
**" George Alexander McKenzie,**  
**" George Churchill McKinley,**  
**" Isaac Lothrop,**  
**" Edward Taylor Anthony.**

***On Payment of Delegates:***

**Comp. George Heirn Gilbert,**  
**" Halstead Stansfield,**  
**" Adolph Simon,**  
**" Jerome Banks,**  
**" Daniel Porter Byrtle.**

Comp. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE proposed the following amendment to the Constitution :—

Amend Section 5 of Article XVII., by striking out the word "fifty" and insert "thirty;" so that the section will read as follows :—

"No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than *thirty* dollars, and in every case the entire fee shall accompany the application."

Which proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

On Motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the election of Grand Officers was made the special order for one o'clock to-morrow afternoon.

The following question, presented by the High Priest of Sierra Chapter, No. 21, was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz. :—

"In case a Companion should be suspended for non-payment of dues after he had made objection to a brother receiving the degrees, who had been duly elected, would the Chapter be justified in proceeding to confer the degrees on the brother thus objected to, without a re-ballot?"

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Maryland, and of Comp. WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER, as representative of the Grand Chapter of Vermont, near this Grand Chapter; and those Companions were duly received and accredited as such Representatives.

The Grand Lecturer gave notice that he would exemplify the work in the Mark Master's degree this evening at half past seven o'clock.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until half past seven o'clock this evening.

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## In Grand Chapter.

EVENING SESSION, }  
Tuesday, April 13th, A. I. 2410. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at seven and a half o'clock, the Deputy Grand High Priest, the R. V. E. V. WILEY JAMES TINNIN, presiding.

The Grand Lecturer exemplified the work in the Mark, Past, and Most Excellent Master's degrees.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

## In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION,  
Wednesday, April 14th, A. I. 2410. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

After prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of the sessions of yesterday were read and approved.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following officers of Chapters as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from

*Cyrus*,.....No. 15,.....JOHN WILLIAM BIRD, High Priest and Past High Priest.

*Oakland*,...No. 26,.....JAMES TODD GARDINER, High Priest.

*Naval*,.....No. 35,..... { MATTISON MYERS, High Priest and Past High Priest;  
  { FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, King and Past High Priest.

Which report was concurred in, and the companions therein named were admitted to seats.

Comp. JONATHAN DOAN HINES, from the special Committee to whom had been referred the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Committee to whom was referred the Annual Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, beg leave to report:

That they have considered that excellent paper, and suggest the reference to the Committee on Jurisprudence of that portion relating to Masonic Law and Usage, found on pages 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, and 14, containing the able and exhaustive opinions of the Grand High Priest in response to several intricate and perplexing questions of Masonic Law.

To the Committee on Charters, those portions referring to *Lakeport* and *Bodie* Chapters, U. D.

To the Committee on Finance, so much as relates to the business of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer.

It would, of course, be improper for this Committee to make any recommendations in relation to matters properly referable to Standing Committees, but yet we express the hope that we may be pardoned for calling the special attention of the Committee on Jurisprudence, and the body of the Grand Chapter, to the pertinent suggestions of the Grand High Priest upon the importance of enforcing in some manner the regulation concerning *Marks*.

The social and moral suggestions, so eloquently expressed by the *M. E.* High Priest, should do something more than merely challenge our admiration by the fraternal zeal and sincerity of purpose so manifest in their expression. It admonishes every Royal Arch Mason to pause and consider whether his conduct is open to the charge of any of the acts of moral delinquency, so delicately brought to our view in this address, and, if so, demands the immediate application of reformatory discipline, to the end that our precept and practice may be brought into harmony.

We join the *M. E.* Grand High Priest in his expression of sorrow and regret over the death of our distinguished Companion, THOMAS J. CORSON, of New Jersey, and while deeply mourning his loss, we tender to his immediate Companions and friends such poor consolation as words may express.

We should do less than our duty were we to close this report without expressing our appreciation of the efficient and conscientious manner in which our Grand High Priest has discharged his official trust, and the delicate and fraternal terms in which he has reminded the Royal Craft of their errors, and pointed out the road to enduring reformation.

Respectfully submitted.

JONATHAN DOAN HINES, }  
W. B. DAVIS, } *Committee.*  
A. J. GIFFORD, }

Which report was concurred in and the references therein made were ordered as recommended.

Comp. GEORGE EDWARD WHITNEY, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report:—

To the *M. E.* Grand Chapter of California:—

Your Committee on By-Laws, having considered the various matters referred to it, respectfully report as follows:—

Amendments to their By-Laws have been made by the following subordinate Chapters, viz.:—

1. *Martinez* Chapter, No. 31—Changing the day of meeting from the Monday of or preceding the full moon of each month, to the first Monday of each month.
2. *Visalia* Chapter, No. 44—Reducing the dues of each member to fifty cents per month.
3. *Dixon* Chapter, No. 48—Reducing the monthly dues of members from fifty cents to twenty-five cents.
4. *Corinthian* Chapter, No. 51—Raising the monthly dues from fifty cents to one dollar, and adding by way of penalty on delinquents, "that no member shall be eligible to office, or be permitted to vote, while in arrears for dues."

These amendments have severally received the approval of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, and are within the competency of the several Chapters, and conflict with no provision of the Constitution or regulations of this Grand Body; their approval is therefore recommended.

The Committee has also examined the code of By-Laws of *Lakeport* Chapter, U. D., and find them conformable to the uniform code heretofore recommended by the Grand Chapter, and recommend their approval. We observe that the signatures of members do not include the full names. Although not required by any provision of

the Constitution or regulations of this Grand Body, the Committee is of opinion that the better practice is to require the full name to be signed to the By-Laws of Chapters.

The code of By-Laws of *Bodie* Chapter, U. D., has also been examined by the Committee, and is found conformable to the uniform code except "Article III, concerning elections," which provides for the election of all officers of the Chapter except the Guard. This being in contravention of Section 1, Article XIV. of the Constitution, which provides that the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, and Secretary shall be elected, and all other officers appointed, cannot be approved. The Committee, however, recommends the approval of the By-Laws in other particulars, with liberty to the Chapter upon receiving its charter to adopt a new section concerning elections, if it shall be of opinion that the Constitution is not self-executing in this particular.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE E. WHITNEY, W. B. DAVIS, JOHN THOMPSON KINKADE, JAMES SINGLEY, WILSON HAYS,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

Comp. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report:

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your committee to whom was referred the examination of the returns of subordinate Chapters for the current year, having performed that duty, respectfully report:—

That returns from all the Chapters have been received by the Grand Secretary, and that in most instances they were correctly and neatly prepared; that those which were in any respect erroneous, were promptly corrected by the Secretaries, upon notice thereof by the Grand Secretary; that all dues have been paid, and invariably accompanied the report.

The reports of the following named Chapters were transmitted within the period of time prescribed in the Constitution, viz.:—

<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,	<i>Trinity</i> , No. 19,	<i>Naval</i> , No. 35,
<i>Sonora</i> , " 2,	<i>Sierra</i> , " 21,	<i>Alameda</i> , " 36,
<i>Sacramento</i> , " 3,	<i>Petaluma</i> , " 22,	<i>Siloam</i> , " 37,
<i>California</i> , " 5,	<i>Oliver</i> , " 23,	<i>Donner</i> , " 39,
<i>Nevada</i> , " 6,	<i>La Fayette</i> , " 24,	<i>Red Bluff</i> , " 40,
<i>Benicia</i> , " 7,	<i>Georgetown</i> , " 25,	<i>Temple</i> , " 41,
<i>Sutter</i> , " 11,	<i>Oakland</i> , " 26,	<i>Ohico</i> , " 42,
<i>Merced</i> , " 12,	<i>Delta</i> , " 27,	<i>Santa Rosa</i> , " 45,
<i>Washington</i> , " 13,	<i>Stockton</i> , " 28,	<i>Lassen</i> , " 47,
<i>Howard</i> , " 14,	<i>Manzanita</i> , " 29,	<i>Dixon</i> , " 48,
<i>Cyrus</i> , " 15,	<i>Napa</i> , " 30,	<i>Yemura</i> , " 50,
<i>St. James</i> , " 16,	<i>Los Angeles</i> , " 33,	<i>Humboldt</i> , " 52,
<i>Libanus</i> , " 17,	<i>Alturas</i> , " 34,	<i>Ukiah</i> , " 53,
<i>Grass Valley</i> , " 18,		

Those of the following named Chapters were not transmitted within the proper time; and with the hope that Secretaries will in the future use greater diligence in making out and transmitting their reports, they are here enumerated, viz.:—

<i>Shasta</i> , No. 9,	<i>Santa Cruz</i> , No. 38,	<i>Woodland</i> , No. 46,
<i>Franklin</i> , " 20,	<i>Solano</i> , " 43,	<i>Modesto</i> , " 49,
<i>Martinez</i> , " 31,	<i>Visalia</i> , " 44,	<i>Corinthian</i> , " 51,



The amounts of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows:—

	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,.....	\$136 50	\$112 50	\$249 00
<i>Sonora</i> , " 2,.....	24 00	24 00	48 00
<i>Sacramento</i> , " 3,.....	128 00	93 00	221 00
<i>California</i> , " 5,.....	121 00	115 00	236 00
<i>Nevada</i> , " 6,.....	27 50	26 50	54 00
<i>Benicia</i> , " 7,.....	8 50	8 50	17 00
<i>Shasta</i> , " 9,.....	23 00	22 00	45 00
<i>Sutter</i> , " 11,.....	32 00	29 00	61 00
<i>Merced</i> , " 12,.....	34 50	16 50	51 00
<i>Washington</i> , " 13,.....	64 50	51 50	116 00
<i>Howard</i> , " 14,.....	37 50	37 50	75 00
<i>Cyrus</i> , " 15,.....	17 50	17 50	35 00
<i>Saint James</i> , " 16,.....	24 00	18 00	42 00
<i>Libanus</i> , " 17,.....	33 50	17 50	51 00
<i>Grass Valley</i> , " 18,.....	52 00	40 00	92 00
<i>Trinity</i> , " 19,.....	27 50	15 50	43 00
<i>Franklin</i> , " 20,.....	46 50	27 50	74 00
<i>Sierra</i> , " 21,.....	20 00	18 00	38 00
<i>Petaluma</i> , " 22,.....	28 50	25 50	54 00
<i>Oliver</i> , " 23,.....	13 00	13 00	26 00
<i>La Fayette</i> , " 24,.....	11 00	11 00	22 00
<i>Georgetown</i> , " 25,.....	15 50	15 50	31 00
<i>Oakland</i> , " 26,.....	29 50	29 50	59 00
<i>Della</i> , " 27,.....	20 00	20 00	40 00
<i>Stockton</i> , " 28,.....	54 00	32 00	86 00
<i>Manzanita</i> , " 29,.....	49 00	30 00	79 00
<i>Napa</i> , " 30,.....	20 50	19 50	40 00
<i>Martinez</i> , " 31,.....	21 50	18 50	40 00
<i>Los Angeles</i> , " 33,.....	28 50	28 50	57 00
<i>Alturas</i> , " 34,.....	15 00	15 00	30 00
<i>Naval</i> , " 35,.....	53 50	45 50	99 00
<i>Alameda</i> , " 36,.....	58 00	48 00	106 00
<i>Siloam</i> , " 37,.....	33 00	23 00	56 00
<i>Santa Cruz</i> , " 38,.....	29 50	16 50	46 00
<i>Donner</i> , " 39,.....	33 50	26 50	60 00
<i>Red Bluff</i> , " 40,.....	20 50	20 50	41 00
<i>Temple</i> , " 41,.....	30 00	22 00	52 00
<i>Chico</i> , " 42,.....	29 50	29 50	59 00
<i>Solano</i> , " 43,.....	23 50	19 50	43 00
<i>Visalia</i> , " 44,.....	19 00	17 00	36 00
<i>Santa Rosa</i> , " 45,.....	64 50	46 50	111 00
<i>Woodland</i> , " 46,.....	34 00	28 00	62 00
<i>Lassen</i> , " 47,.....	55 50	31 50	87 00
<i>Dixon</i> , " 48,.....	32 00	24 00	56 00
<i>Modesto</i> , " 49,.....	20 00	14 00	34 00
<i>Ventura</i> , " 50,.....	21 00	16 00	37 00
<i>Corinthian</i> , " 51,.....	11 50	11 50	23 00
<i>Humboldt</i> , " 52,.....	36 00	18 00	54 00
<i>Ukiah</i> , " 53,.....	25 00	13 00	38 00

	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>Lakeport</i> (1879), U. D.,.....	\$ 37 50	\$ 9 50	\$ 47 00
<i>Lakeport</i> (1880), U. D.,.....	33 00	13 00	46 00
<i>Bodie</i> , U. D.,.....	123 50	20 50	144 00
Making a total of.....	\$1987 50	\$1461 50	\$3449 00
All which is respectfully submitted by			
THOMAS H. CASWELL, J. M. RODGERS, GEORGE E. CHILDS, A. DOBROWSKY,			} Committee.

A letter from Comp. JOHN CHANEY PARTRIDGE, Grand Royal Arch Captain, expressive of regret at his inability to be present at the Annual Convocation, and alleging serious illness as the cause, was read by the Grand Secretary.

Comp. JONATHAN DOAN HINES presented the following resolution, which was unanimously adopted:—

*Resolved*, That the sum of three dollars per diem for Grand Officers and for one delegate from each Chapter represented on the first day of the session, be annually paid in addition to the expenses now allowed to such officers and delegates.

Comp. CHARLES FAYETTE MCGLASHAN, from the Committee on Charters, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Committee on Charters, to whom were referred the Record Books of *Lakeport* Chapter, under dispensation, together with the petition for its perpetuation by charter, respectfully report: That they have carefully examined the records of said Chapter, and find them neatly and satisfactorily kept, and that all its acts appear to be in accordance with the requirements of the Constitution.

The petitioners having fully complied with the laws and regulations of this Grand Chapter, we recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted to *Lakeport* Chapter, at *Lakeport*, *Lake County*, and that it be numbered on the register of this Grand Chapter as No. 54.

They further report that they have carefully examined the Record Book of *Bodie* Chapter, under dispensation, which, together with its petition for a charter, were referred to them for consideration, and find that the records of said Chapter are very neatly and correctly kept, and that all its acts appear to be in strict accordance with the Constitution.

The petitioners having fully complied with the law and regulations of this Grand Chapter, they recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted to *Bodie* Chapter, at *Bodie*, *Mono County*, and that it be numbered on the register of this Grand Chapter as No. 55.

They would further report that,

WHEREAS, In the records of both *Bodie* and *Lakeport* Chapters there is an absence of marginal notes, and that, especially in the records of *Lakeport* Chapter, numerous other minor imperfections and irregularities are discovered, which arise, as your committee believe, from the fact that Secretaries of Chapters have no correct form for their guidance in keeping their records; and,

WHEREAS, Your committee deem such a form of the utmost importance to the Chapters in this jurisdiction, therefore, they recommend the adoption of the following:

*Resolved*, That the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter be instructed to prepare a form for the guidance of Secretaries of Chapters in keeping their records, and that he be authorized to have a sufficient number of copies thereof printed for the use of the several Chapters in this jurisdiction.

All which is respectfully submitted.

CHARLES FAYETTE MCGLASHAN,	} Committee.
WILLIAM T. LUTHER,	
A. HEWEL,	
GEORGE MCCOWEN,	
H. N. RUCKER,	

Which report was concurred in and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

Comp. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, from the Committee on Grievances, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Committee on Grievances, to whom was referred the memorial and appeal of Comp. SAMUEL C. FOY from the findings and verdict of *Los Angeles* Chapter, No. 33, Royal Arch Masons, having considered the same, ask leave to submit the following report and resolution, and recommend their adoption:—

First. Your committee find the proceedings of the Chapter in said trial to have been regular, and in pursuance of the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter of California in such cases made and provided; and believing that the members of *Los Angeles* Chapter can better judge of the aggravating circumstances out of which the case arose than your committee can, therefore leave the matter of restoration to them; they having full power in the premises. Your committee therefore offer the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter affirms the decision and verdict of *Los Angeles* Chapter, No. 33, in its trial and conviction of SAMUEL C. FOY on the charges of conduct unbecoming the character of a Royal Arch Mason.

Concerning the expulsion by *Shasta* Chapter, No. 9, of WILLIAM THOMAS HIGGINS, the trial record of which has been examined by your committee, they submit the following, and recommend its adoption:—

*Resolved*, That the action of *Shasta* Chapter, No. 9, in expelling WILLIAM THOMAS HIGGINS from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, be and the same is hereby affirmed.

All which is respectfully submitted.

B. F. TUTTLE,	} Committee.
ISAAC LOTHROP,	
E. T. ANTHONY,	
GEORGE A. MCKENZIE,	
GEORGE C. MCKINLEY,	

Which report was concurred in and the accompanying resolutions were adopted.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until one o'clock this afternoon.

## In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Wednesday, April 14th, A. I. 2410. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at one o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

Comp. WILLIAM BRADFORD, permission of the Grand Chapter having been given therefor, proposed the following amendment to the Constitution :—

Amend Section 1 of Article XIV, by inserting, after the words "Grand Chapter" in the next to the last line of said section, the words, "and is free from debt;" so that the concluding part of the section will read as follows :—

"When, if the transactions of the new Chapter shall appear satisfactory to the Grand Chapter, *and is free from debt*, it may, upon petition therefor, receive a charter."

Which proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The hour for the special order—being the election of Grand Officers—having arrived, the Grand High Priest appointed Comps. JONATHAN DOAN HINES and WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS to act as tellers, and the election proceeded, with the following result :—

- The M. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN was elected Grand High Priest;
- " R. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;
- " R. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE was elected Grand King;
- " R. E. LEONIDAS E PRATT was elected Grand Scribe;
- " R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES was elected Grand Treasurer;
- " R. E. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to Section 5, of Article XVII., of the Constitution, which now reads: "No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than fifty dollars, and in every case the entire fee shall accompany the application," so that it shall read as follows: "No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than *thirty* dollars, and in every case the entire fee shall accompany the application," have considered the subject, and submit the following majority report :—

While your committee believe that it is not desirable to cheapen the benefits conferred by the Order, and that in many localities it might, in this manner, be unwise to add to the risk of the reception of unworthy material, they still believe this is a matter that may be safely left to the individual Chapters, to determine what is the best policy in each locality. The adoption of the amendment is therefore recommended.

GEORGE E. WHITNEY, }  
J. H. NEFF, } Committee.  
E. A. RODGERS, }

Which report, not receiving the two-thirds vote required by the Constitution, was not concurred in, and the proposed amendment was not adopted.

Comp. GEORGE EDWARD WHITNEY, also from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence have carefully considered the case reported by the M. E. Grand High Priest, in the following portion of his Address :—

"A member of a subordinate Chapter having been guilty of unmasonic conduct, in open Chapter, in the use of language unbecoming a Mason, and in refusing to obey the gavel when called to order; and having appeared in open Chapter, at the next stated meeting thereof, and apologized for what he had done at the previous meeting, said apology being accepted by the Chapter, and charges having been subsequently preferred against the companion by a member of said Chapter, the question was asked, 'Whether his accepted apology was a sufficient punishment for the offense, or should the charges be entertained, the same as if no apology had been made.' I replied as follows: 'The offense stated was certainly a very grave one. The apology made to the Chapter shows an evident disposition on the part of the offending companion, to right the wrong, and may be very properly considered by the commission, in mitigation of punishment, when considering that question; but it does not stop proceedings on the charges. They must be tried the same as if no apology had been made. The offense was against Masonry, and cannot be atoned for in a manner chosen by the offender.'"

Your committee fully concur with the principle of this decision. Offenses against the principles of Masonry cannot be purged by a simple apology, made at the convenience of the offender. In the present instance, the matter is complicated by the unwise action of the High Priest, in submitting to the Chapter the question of the acceptance of the apology. If the special circumstances were not aggravated, and consisted merely in what might properly be called a breach of Masonic decorum, and the apology was made and accepted in good faith, the committee think the companion preferring charges might, by the exercise of Masonic charity, have considered the fault sufficiently atoned. If, however, the case was an aggravated one, the High Priest should never have submitted the question of the sufficiency of the apology to the Chapter. An apology can in no sense be considered a *punishment*. The acceptance of an apology, if made in good faith, and in a proper case, operates like a pardon, and should blot out the offense, leaving nothing for which punishment can be inflicted. But there are very many breaches of the rules of morality and good conduct, which should distinguish the Masonic character, that cannot be atoned for so readily. Such, your committee presume, must have been the case concerning which the question was submitted. They, therefore, recommend approval of the decision.

GEORGE E. WHITNEY, E. A. RODGERS, J. H. NEFF, H. H. KNAPP,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

Comp. HENRY HAY KNAPP, from the same committee, presented the following reports :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the following question :  
"In case a companion should be suspended for non-payment of dues, after he had

made objections to a brother receiving the degrees who had been duly elected, would the Chapter be justified in proceeding to confer the degrees on the brother thus objected to without a re-ballot?" have had the same under consideration, and report:—

The tenth general regulation of this Grand Chapter says: "The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of California shall be, in all essential respects where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed."

Section 6, Article III., Part III. of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge says: "Though an applicant may be elected to receive the degrees, if at any time before his initiation objection be made by any member, he shall not receive the degrees until such objection shall have been withdrawn, and such objection shall, unless withdrawn within sixty days, have the effect of a rejection by ballot," etc.

Your committee are of the opinion that the suspension, removal, or death of the objector does not remove the objection, and the Chapter can not confer the degrees without a re-ballot.

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the several decisions and official acts of the M. E. Grand High Priest, as reported in his Address, respectfully report—

His decision upon the question of donating the amount of fees, or any part thereof:

That a member of a Chapter, though not present, may be elected a trial commissioner:

That the High Priest, King, or Scribe cannot act as a commissioner:

That a witness is also ineligible:

That a companion when notified of his election must serve as such commissioner:

That the High Priest cannot be present when the commissioners are trying the case:

In the matter of reinstatement of a companion who has been excluded by action of a subordinate Lodge:

That a Chapter may consider a resolution to restore, etc.:

The method of voting in a Chapter:

Relative to the duty of the High Priest when an objection is made to receiving a petition: also,

To a motion to reconsider:

Are all in accordance with the laws and regulations of this Grand Chapter, and commend our hearty approval.

That in granting the several special dispensations, the Grand High Priest has but exercised his prerogative, and, as your committee believe, for the best interest of the Royal Craft.

The action of the M. E. Grand High Priest, in appointing Representatives of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapters of Mississippi and Kentucky, and all other official acts referred to this committee, meets with our approbation.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

H. H. KNAPP, GEORGE T. GRIMES, E. A. RODGERS, J. H. NEFF, GEORGE E. WHITNEY,	} Committee.
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Which reports were concurred in.

Comp. GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT, from the Committee on Payment of Delegates, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your committee to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund have performed the duty assigned them, and recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the delegates of the Chapters represented:—

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
<i>San Francisco,</i>	1.	\$112 50....	Paid.....1st day.....	\$ 6 00
<i>Sanora,</i>	2.	24 00....	Paid....."	27 00
<i>Sacramento,</i>	3.	93 00....	Paid....."	14 00
<i>California,</i>	5.	115 00....	Paid....."	6 00
<i>Nevada,</i>	6.	26 50....	Paid....."	26 00
<i>Benicia,</i>	7.	8 50....	Paid....."	8 00
<i>Shasta,</i>	9.	22 00....	Paid....."	34 50
<i>Sutter,</i>	11.	29 00....	Paid....."	24 00
<i>Merced,</i>	12.	16 50....	Paid....."	21 00
<i>Washington,</i>	13.	51 50....	Paid....."	17 00
<i>Howard,</i>	14.	37 50....	Paid....."	10 00
<i>Cyrus,</i>	15.	17 50....	Paid....."	71 00
<i>St. James,</i>	16.	18 00....	Paid....."	\$25 00
<i>Libanus,</i>	17.	17 50....	Paid....."	27 50
<i>Grass Valley,</i>	18.	40 00....	Paid....."	25 00
<i>Trinity,</i>	19.	15 50....	Paid....."	—
<i>Franklin,</i>	20.	27 50....	Paid....."	21 00
<i>Sierra,</i>	21.	18 00....	Paid....."	56 00
<i>Petaluma,</i>	22.	25 50....	Paid....."	9 00
<i>Oliver,</i>	23.	13 00....	Paid....."	26 00
<i>La Fayette,</i>	24.	11 00....	Paid....."	41 00
<i>Georgetown,</i>	25.	15 50....	Paid....."	—
<i>Oakland,</i>	26.	29 50....	Paid....."	—
<i>Della,</i>	27.	20 00....	Paid....."	20 00
<i>Stockton,</i>	28.	32 00....	Paid....."	13 00
<i>Manzanita,</i>	29.	30 00....	Paid....."	—
<i>Napa,</i>	30.	19 50....	Paid....."	10 00
<i>Martinez,</i>	31.	18 50....	Paid....."	—
<i>Los Angeles,</i>	33.	28 50....	Paid....."	—
<i>Alluras,</i>	34.	15 00....	Paid....."	—
<i>Naval,</i>	35.	45 50....	Paid....."	8 00
<i>Alameda,</i>	36.	48 00....	Paid....."	6 30
<i>Siloam,</i>	37.	23 00....	Paid....."	21 50
<i>Santa Cruz,</i>	38.	16 50....	Paid....."	18 00
<i>Donner,</i>	39.	26 50....	Paid....."	36 50
<i>Red Bluff,</i>	40.	20 50....	Paid....."	27 50
<i>Temple,</i>	41.	22 00....	Paid....."	16 00
<i>Chico,</i>	42.	29 50....	Paid....."	23 00
<i>Solano,</i>	43.	19 50....	Paid....."	—
<i>Visalia,</i>	44.	17 00....	Paid....."	—
<i>Santa Rosa,</i>	45.	46 50....	Paid....."	10 00
<i>Woodland,</i>	46.	28 00....	Paid....."	—
<i>Lassen,</i>	47.	31 50....	Paid....."	67 00
<i>Dixon,</i>	48.	24 00....	Paid....."	12 00
<i>Modesto,</i>	49.	14 00....	Paid....."	16 00
<i>Ventura,</i>	50.	16 00....	Paid....."	42 00

<i>Corinthian,</i>	No. 51	.....	11 50	....Paid.....	1st day.....	\$54 00
<i>Humboldt,</i>	" 52	.....	18 00	....Paid.....	" .....	
<i>Ukiah,</i>	" 53	.....	13 00	....Paid.....	" .....	39 00
<i>Lakeport,</i>	U. D.	.....	13 00	....Paid.....	" .....	22 00
<i>Bodie,</i>	U. D.	.....	20 50	....Paid.....	" .....	72 00
			\$1452 00			\$1031 80
<i>Lakeport (1879),</i>	U. D.	.....	9 50			
			\$1461 50			

They also recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the Grand Officers in attendance, viz.: to the—

Grand High Priest,.....	\$ 6 00	Grand Scribe,.....	\$14 00
Deputy Grand High Priest,.....	49 50	Grand Captain of the Host, 6 00	
Grand King,.....	57 00		
Amount allowed to Grand Officers,.....		\$ 132 50	
Amount allowed to Delegates,.....		1031 80	

Total amount of allowances,.....\$1164 36

All which is respectfully submitted.

S. H. GILBERT,  
JEROME BANKS,  
ADOLPH SIMON,  
H. STANSFIELD, } *Committee.*

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. JONATHAN DOAN HINES proposed the following as a general regulation of this Grand Chapter, which was unanimously adopted :—

*Resolved,* That it shall be the imperative duty of every subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.

Comp. FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :*

The Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have considered that portion of the Grand Secretary's report recommending the printing of a greater number of copies of the proceedings of this Grand Chapter, and we concur with the Grand Secretary in his reasons therefor, and recommend that 900 copies (being 100 additional) of the proceedings of 1880 be printed for distribution, binding, etc.

We also recommend that the Grand Secretary have printed and bound in pamphlet form, for distribution to the several subordinate Chapters, 200 copies of the Constitution and General Regulations of the Grand Chapter of California.

Your committee desire to report to the Grand Chapter that the appropriation of \$200 for furniture and fixtures for the Grand Secretary's office, made in 1879, has been carefully and judiciously expended under his direction, and that the records and papers of the Grand Chapter are now systematically arranged for future reference and preservation.



Your committee recommend the following appropriations for the current year, ending April 1, 1881:—

Expenses of Delegates, Convocation of 1880.....	\$1,031 80
Expenses of Grand Officers, Convocation of 1880.....	132 50
Salary of Grand Secretary, and as Chairman of Com. on Cor.....	1,800 00
Salary of Grand Organist.....	25 00
Salary of Grand Guard.....	25 00
Printing and Binding of Proceedings of 1880, and 200 copies of Constitution and General Regulations.....	700 00
Contingent Expenses of Grand Secretary's Office—stationery, postage, box rent, sundry printing, etc.....	175 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office.....	300 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter, 1872 to 1880 inclusive.....	234 11
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	\$4,423 41

All of which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MEAD,  
EDWARD COLEMAN, } Committee.  
A. J. LOOMIS,

Which report was concurred in and the several recommendations were adopted.

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz.: as

Grand Chaplain.....	Comp. SAMUEL GRAVES.....	of California,	No. 5;
Grand Lecturer.....	" THOMAS H. CASWELL, ..	of Nevada,	No. 6;
Grand Captain of the Host, ..	" JONATHAN DOAN HINES, of	Ventura,	No. 50;
Grand Royal Arch Captain, ..	" EDWARD COLEMAN,.....	of Grass Valley,	No. 18;
Grand Organist,.....	" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ..	of California,	No. 5;
Grand Guard,.....	" IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....	of California,	No. 5.

The newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were then duly installed in their respective stations by the *M. E.* NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by the *M. E.* JACOB HART NEFF, Past Grand High Priest, as master of the ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the *M. E.* NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, Past Grand High Priest, was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following standing committees for the ensuing year:—

<i>On Jurisprudence :</i>	<i>On Finances :</i>
Comp. Jacob Hart Neff,	Comp. Frank Douglas Mead,
" Henry Hay Knapp,	" Adoniram Judson Loomis,
" Adolphus Hollub,	" Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,
" George Tuttle Grimes,	" Edward Taylor Anthony,
" Nathan Weston Spaulding.	" James Martin Rodgers.

*On Correspondence :*

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell,  
" Charles Fayette McGlashan,  
" William Thompson Luther,  
" Thomas Callow,  
" William Bradford.

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Ample Form*.

WILEY JAMES TINNIN,

*Grand High Priest.*

ATTEST:

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## CONSTITUTION

OF THE

**M.: E.: Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons**

OF THE

STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

A. I. 2410.

*Of the Organization of the Grand Chapter.*

## ARTICLE I.

## OF ITS TITLE AND SEAL.

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter shall be entitled "THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER OF ROYAL ARCH MASONS OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA," and shall have a Seal, bearing suitable devices and inscriptions, which shall be affixed to all instruments issued by or under its authority.

## ARTICLE II.

## OF ITS MEMBERS AND THEIR QUALIFICATIONS.

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter shall be composed of a Grand High Priest, a Deputy Grand High Priest, a Grand King, a Grand Scribe, a Grand Treasurer, a Grand Secretary, a Grand Chaplain, a Grand Lecturer, a Grand Captain of the Host, a Grand Royal Arch Captain, a Grand Organist, a Grand Guard, and such other officers as it may hereafter designate; together with all Past Grand High Priests, Past Deputy Grand High Priests, Past Grand Kings, Past Grand Scribes, and Past High Priests, by service in this jurisdiction, and the High Priests, Kings, and Scribes of the several chartered and duly constituted Chapters, or their regularly appointed proxies.

SEC. 2. Each officer and member of the Grand Chapter must be a member of some Chapter within its jurisdiction, and with the cessation of such membership shall cease his office and membership in the Grand Chapter.

## ARTICLE III.

## OF ITS POWERS AND AUTHORITY.

SECTION 1. This Grand Chapter has the sole government and superintendence of all Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and Lodges of the intermediate degrees, in the State of California; with authority to settle controversies that may arise between them; to assign their limits; to prescribe laws and regulations for their government; and to review, confirm, or annul their decisions.

SEC. 2. It may grant dispensations and charters for holding regular Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and may revoke, suspend, or annul the same for good cause.

SEC. 3. It may assess and collect, from the several Chapters under its jurisdiction, such sums of money, annually, as may be found necessary for its maintenance and support.

#### ARTICLE IV.

##### OF ITS CONVOICATIONS.

SECTION 1. The Grand Chapter shall hold its Annual Convoications for the transaction of its regular business, in the city of San Francisco, on the second Tuesday of April, in each year, commencing at 10 o'clock, A. M.

SEC. 2. The Grand High Priest may call special Convoications of the Grand Chapter whenever in his opinion the welfare of the Order shall require it.

SEC. 3. Special Convoications shall be ordered by the Grand High Priest upon an application therefor in writing, setting forth the causes which demand it, and signed by the High Priests of at least five chartered Chapters.

SEC. 4. Every order for a special Convoication shall designate the object thereof, so far as is proper to be written, and shall be issued to each Chapter and Grand Officer at least thirty days before the day named for meeting; and no business shall be transacted thereat other than that for which the Grand Chapter was convened.

SEC. 5. There must be at least nine chartered Chapters represented in order to transact any business in the Grand Chapter, either at an annual or a special Convoication.

#### ARTICLE V.

##### OF ITS ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of the Grand Chapter shall consist of the Grand High Priest, Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, Grand Scribe, Grand Treasurer, and Grand Secretary, who shall be chosen by ballot at each Annual Convoication, and, if in attendance, shall be installed before the close thereof; if not present, he or they may be installed in the respective Chapters of which they are members. They shall hold their respective offices until their successors are elected and installed. A majority of all the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice, and blanks shall not be counted as votes. All other officers shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest, with the consent of the Grand Council, shall be installed as soon as practicable thereafter, and shall hold their offices until their successors are appointed and installed.

SEC. 2. Any vacancy in office occurring when the Grand Chapter is not in session may be filled by the Grand High Priest, and the officer so appointed shall possess all the powers and be charged with all the duties of one regularly elected.

#### ARTICLE VI.

##### OF ITS VOTING AND REPRESENTATION.

SECTION 1. All questions in the Grand Chapter (except election of officers) shall be decided *à la voce*, or by a show of hands, unless, before the announcement of the result thereof, three members demand that the vote be taken by yeas and nays, in which case it shall thus be taken. In all cases of a tie vote, except votes by ballot, the Grand High Priest, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

SEC. 2. Each Grand Officer present, (except the Grand Guard), and each Past Grand High Priest, Past Deputy Grand High Priest, Past Grand King, and Past Grand Scribe present shall be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 3. Each Chapter represented shall be entitled to three votes; and the Past High Priests of each Chapter shall, collectively, be entitled to one vote.

SEC. 4. No Grand Officer, Past Grand Officer, or Past High Priest, voting or participating in a vote, in either of those capacities, shall vote or participate in a vote in any other of them; but either of such members may, as High Priest, King, Scribe, or as the proxy of either or all of them, cast also the vote or votes to which such position shall entitle him.

## ARTICLE VII.

SECTION 1. The following regular committees, to consist of not less than three nor more than five members each, shall be appointed by the Grand High Priest at each Annual Convocation, viz.: On Credentials, on Grievances, on new Chapters, on Returns, on By-Laws, on Jurisprudence, on Finances, and on Correspondence. The three last named shall be standing committees, and shall serve during the year.

SEC. 2. Special committees may also be appointed by the Grand High Priest, whenever deemed necessary by the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 3. The Finance Committee shall meet at the office of the Grand Secretary on the day preceding the annual session of the Grand Chapter, and examine the books, papers, and accounts of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, and report the result thereof to the Grand Chapter on the first day of the session in each year.

## ARTICLE VIII.

## OF ITS REVENUES.

SECTION 1. The revenue of the Grand Chapter shall be derived from fees charged for dispensations, charters, diplomas, and other instruments issued under its authority, and from contributions levied upon the Chapters, which shall always be equal and uniform, in proportion to their membership and degrees conferred, as follows:

1st. For a dispensation to open a new Chapter, ninety dollars, of which fifteen dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Secretary;

2d. For a charter to perpetuate a Chapter, sixty dollars, of which ten dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Secretary;

3d. For a dispensation to hold an election for an officer or officers at a time other than that named in this Constitution, five dollars;

4th. For a dispensation to ballot for a candidate for the degrees, without reference to a committee, five dollars;

5th. For a diploma, five dollars, of which three dollars shall be the fee of the Grand Secretary:

And in no case shall any of the foregoing documents be issued until the fees therefor shall have been paid to the Grand Secretary.

SEC. 2. The following contributions shall be paid, as annual dues, by each of the Chapters, whether chartered or under dispensation:

1st. For each Mark Master's, Past Master's, Most Excellent Master's, and Royal Arch degree, conferred during the year, the sum of one dollar.

2d. For each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual return the sum of fifty cents; and the Grand Chapter may levy, in addition to the above, such other contributions as in its judgment may be required.

*Of the Grand Officers.*

## ARTICLE IX.

## OF THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SECTION 1. The Grand High Priest shall, at each Annual Convocation, present a written report of all his official acts during the year, and of the condition of Royal Arch Masonry within his jurisdiction, together with such recommendations as he shall deem conducive to the prosperity and advancement of the Order. From his decisions there shall be no appeal.

SEC. 2. He shall carefully supervise the subordinate Chapters, and see that the Constitution and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter, as well as those of this Grand Chapter, are faithfully observed.

SEC. 3. He shall have power, when the Grand Chapter is not in session—

1st. To issue dispensations for the formation of new Chapters;

2d. To issue dispensations for the election of an officer or officers of a Chapter at a time other than that named in this Constitution ;

3d. To issue dispensations to ballot for a candidate for the degrees without reference to a committee ;

4th. To convene any Chapter within his jurisdiction, preside therein, inspect its proceedings, and give such orders and instructions as he may deem necessary ;

5th. To arrest the charter or dispensation of any Chapter, for good reasons shown, and, for proper cause, to suspend any High Priest from the functions of his office until the ensuing Annual Convocation.

SEC. 4. He shall constitute, either in person or by proxy, all newly chartered Chapters, and install their officers.

#### ARTICLE X.

##### OF THE DEPUTY GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SECTION 1. In the event of the death of the Grand High Priest, or of his absence from the State, or of his inability, from any cause, to perform the functions of his office, the Deputy Grand High Priest shall succeed to and be charged with all his powers and duties.

#### ARTICLE XI.

##### OF THE GRAND KING AND GRAND SCRIBE.

SECTION 1. The Grand King and Grand Scribe, in the event of the death, absence from the State, or inability, as before, of both their superiors, shall, in the order of their rank, succeed to and be charged with all the powers and duties of the Grand High Priest.

SEC. 2. In case all the four principal Grand Officers shall be absent from any Convocation, the Past Grand Officers of like rank shall, in the order of their rank and seniority, be empowered to preside ; and in the event of the absence of all the Grand and Past Grand Officers, the High Priest of the oldest Chapter represented shall take charge.

#### ARTICLE XII.

##### OF THE GRAND TREASURER.

SECTION 1. The Grand Treasurer shall receive all moneys belonging to the Grand Chapter from the Grand Secretary, and shall pay the same out under such regulations as may by it be provided. He shall keep a just account thereof in proper books, and at each Annual Convocation shall present a detailed statement of his receipts and disbursements, together with proper vouchers for the latter, and a full statement of the existing condition of the finances.

SEC. 2. He shall execute and file with the Grand High Priest, within fifteen days after his installation, a bond, in such penal sum, and with such sureties, as shall be approved by that officer, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge his duties, and, at the end of his term of office, pay over and transfer to his successor all funds or property of the Grand Chapter which shall have come into his keeping.

#### ARTICLE XIII.

##### OF THE GRAND SECRETARY.

SECTION 1. It shall be the duty of the Grand Secretary to record all the transactions of the Grand Chapter which it is proper to have written, and to superintend the publication thereof immediately after the close of each Annual Convocation. He shall receive, duly file, and safely keep all papers and documents addressed or belonging to the Grand Chapter, and present such as may require its action at each Convocation. He shall keep the seal of the Grand Chapter, and affix the same with his attestation to all documents emanating from that body. He shall collect the revenue of the Grand Chapter, pay it over to the Grand Treasurer, and present a detailed report of his receipts and of all business appertaining to his office, at each

Annual Convocation. He shall report at each Annual Convocation all Chapters which are in arrears to the Grand Chapter, or which shall have neglected or refused to comply with any provision of its Constitution or Regulations. He shall conduct the correspondence of the Grand Chapter, and submit copies thereof at each Annual Convocation. He shall take charge of the jewels, furniture, clothing, and paraphernalia of the Grand Chapter during its vacations. He shall report at each Annual Convocation all unfinished business, and shall perform such other duties as may be assigned him by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest.

SEC. 2. He shall receive such compensation for his services as the Grand Chapter may direct, and shall execute and file with the Grand High Priest, within fifteen days after his installation, a bond, in such penal sum, and with such sureties, as shall be approved by that officer, conditioned that he will faithfully discharge the duties of his office, as prescribed in this Constitution.

### *Relative to Subordinate Chapters.*

#### ARTICLE XIV.

##### OF THEIR FORMATION.

SECTION 1. Upon the petition of nine or more Royal Arch Masons in good standing, the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest may issue a Letter of Dispensation authorizing them to form and open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and Lodges of the intermediate degrees, with power to confer the several degrees thereof, and receive members by affiliation. But no such dispensation shall issue, unless the petition be accompanied by a recommendation from the chartered Chapter nearest the location of the proposed new one, which shall certify to the good standing of each of the petitioners, and that a suitable place of meeting has been provided; and by a certificate from the Grand Lecturer (if there be one), or from a High Priest whom the Grand High Priest is satisfied is well skilled in the Royal Art, declaring that the High Priest proposed in such petition is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; nor unless the petition shall also be accompanied by a certificate of withdrawal of each petitioner from the Chapter of which he was last a member. Such dispensation shall terminate on the first day of the month in which the next succeeding Annual Convocation shall be holden, and then shall be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the book of records, by-laws, and returns to that date, when, if the transactions of the new Chapter shall appear satisfactory to the Grand Chapter, it may, upon petition therefor, receive a charter.

SEC. 2. A Chapter shall consist of a High Priest, a King, a Scribe, a Treasurer, a Secretary, a Captain of the Host, a Principal Sojourner, a Royal Arch Captain, three Masters of the Vails, a Guard, and such other officers as its by-laws may provide, together with as many members as it may find convenient.

#### ARTICLE XV.

##### OF THEIR DUTIES.

SECTION 1. Each Chapter shall have a stated meeting at least once in every month for the transaction of its regular business. Special meetings may be ordered by the Chapter, or by the High Priest, but no business shall be done thereat, except collections or appropriations for charity, or conferring of degrees. All business, except the conferring of degrees, shall be done in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.

SEC. 2. Each chartered and duly constituted Chapter shall be represented in the Grand Chapter at every Convocation, by one or more of its proper officers, or by his or their proxies; but such proxy or proxies shall be members of such Chapter.

SEC. 3. Each chartered Chapter shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a full and

correct return of its transactions for the twelve months next preceding the first day of February in each year, within fifteen days thereafter, in the form hereinafter provided, and shall accompany such return with payment of its dues to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 4. Each Chapter shall transmit to the Grand Secretary a copy of its by-laws, as soon as adopted, but no such by-laws, nor any subsequent amendment thereunto, shall be deemed valid until approved by the Grand Chapter, though they may be acted under until the next Annual Convocation, if approved by the Grand High Priest.

SEC. 5. Each chartered Chapter shall, within three months from the date of its Charter, provide a suitable seal, bearing such devices as may be deemed proper, and having inscribed thereon the name and number of the Chapter, the date of its charter, and the place of its location; and all documents and papers emanating from such Chapter, or from its High Priest, or Secretary, in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of such seal, or be considered null and of no effect.

#### ARTICLE XVI.

##### OF THEIR ELECTIONS.

SECTION 1. The elective officers of each Chapter shall consist of the High Priest, King, Scribe, Treasurer, and Secretary, who shall be chosen by ballot at the stated meeting next preceding the anniversary of Saint John the Evangelist; shall be installed as soon thereafter as practicable; and shall hold their respective offices until their successors shall have been duly elected and installed. A majority of the votes cast shall be necessary for a choice. All other officers shall be appointed by the High Priest, with the consent of the Council, shall be duly installed, and shall hold their respective offices subject to the provisions of Section 2 of this Article.

SEC. 2. Upon the death or disability of any appointed officer of the Chapter, or for continued absence or neglect to perform the duties of his office, the Council may declare said office vacant, and the High Priest shall appoint a successor thereto, who shall hold office during the pleasure of the Council.

SEC. 3. In case any Chapter shall fail to hold such election at the time above specified, upon good cause being shown therefor, the Grand High Priest may issue a dispensation to hold such election at another time; and in case a vacancy shall at any time occur in either of the offices of High Priest, King, or Scribe in any Chapter, upon proper representation of the necessity therefor, the Grand High Priest may issue a dispensation to fill such vacancy. But in either of these cases, such dispensation shall be issued only upon the application of the Chapter, setting forth the reasons therefor, to be approved by two-thirds of the members present at a stated meeting, and to be properly certified by the Secretary; and, of the special election which may thus be ordered, the members shall have due notice.

SEC. 4. Every member in good standing, and whose dues are paid, shall be entitled to vote at all elections; and every voter shall be eligible to any office in the Chapter.

#### ARTICLE XVII.

##### OF PROHIBITIONS.

SECTION 1. No Chapter in this State shall receive an application for the degrees unless the applicant shall have resided within its jurisdiction during six months next preceding the date of his application, except by permission of the Chapter nearest his place of residence; nor shall the application of a rejected candidate for the degrees be presented to any Chapter within six months after such rejection, without the unanimous consent of the Chapter in which he was rejected. All such applications, as well as those for affiliation, shall be in writing, signed by the applicant, and recommended by at least two members of the Chapter.



SEC. 2. No Chapter shall ballot upon such application (except by dispensation from the Grand High Priest) until it shall have been referred to a committee, whose duty it shall be to make strict examination into the qualifications of the applicant, and to report thereon at the next stated meeting, unless further time be granted. No application shall be withdrawn after reference to a committee, and it shall require a unanimous ballot to elect. But if one black ball only appear in the ballot-box, the High Priest, without declaring the result, may order a second ballot for the purpose of correcting a possible mistake, when, if a black ball again be cast, the applicant shall be declared rejected.

SEC. 3. No dispensation shall be issued to a Chapter to ballot for a candidate for the degrees without the reference of his petition to a committee, as before, unless application therefor be made by a majority of the Council thereof; and of the issue of such dispensation and its purpose the members of the Chapter shall have due notice.

SEC. 4. No Chapter shall receive a petition for the degrees, or for membership, unless the applicant therefor is a Master Mason, in good standing; nor shall an application for affiliation be received unless it be accompanied by a certificate of dismissal from the Chapter of which the applicant was last a member, or a satisfactory explanation, in writing, of the inability to furnish such certificate.

SEC. 5. No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than fifty dollars, and in every case the entire fee shall accompany the application.

SEC. 6. No Chapter shall expel a member for the non-payment of his dues, but any member who shall be six months in arrears therefor shall be immediately notified thereof by the Secretary; and if the said dues shall not be paid at or before the next stated meeting, or some sufficient reason be presented for such non-payment, he shall be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. Any member thus suspended, who shall at any time thereafter pay the arrearages due at the time of his suspension, together with such further dues as would, had he retained his membership, have accrued against him to the date of such payment, shall by that act be restored.

SEC. 7. No Chapter shall receive lectures from any person who is not duly authorized by the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest.

SEC. 8. No Chapter which shall have failed to make its annual returns shall be entitled to representation at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 9. No person shall be admitted, either as a member or a visitor in any Chapter, unless he shall have regularly received the degrees of Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch, in just and legally constituted bodies of such.

SEC. 10. No Chapter, until chartered and duly constituted, shall be entitled to representation in this Grand Chapter; but a Chapter under dispensation may send delegates thereto, who may be admitted to seats and be permitted to speak, but shall have no vote.

SEC. 11. No Chapter of Royal Arch Masons within this jurisdiction shall be considered legal without a dispensation or charter from this Grand Chapter, and no Masonic communication shall be held with any such Chapter, or with any person who is a member thereof or has received the degrees therein.

## ARTICLE XVIII.

### OF THE DISSOLUTION OF CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. The charter of a Chapter may be surrendered if notice shall be given at a stated meeting that a resolution to that effect will be presented at the next succeeding one; and if, at such succeeding meeting, there shall not be nine members present who oppose such resolution, it may be surrendered if it shall be so ordered

by a majority of those assembled, but no such act of surrender shall be considered final until it shall have been approved and accepted by the Grand Chapter.

Sec. 2. The charter of a Chapter may be forfeited—

1st. By disobedience to any provision of the Constitution or Regulations of this Grand Chapter or the General Grand Chapter ;

2d. By disregard to the lawful authority of the Grand High Priest ;

3d. By violation or neglect of the ancient and recognized usages of the Craft ;

4th. By failure to meet during a period of six successive months ; or

5th. By the reduction of its members to a less number than nine.

Sec. 3. In case of the dissolution of a Chapter, the Grand Secretary, or some companion by him duly authorized, shall at once proceed to receive its funds on hand, collect its outstanding dues, and dispose of its jewels, furniture, and property of every kind, in such manner as shall seem to him most judicious ; and he shall place the proceeds thereof, after the payment of necessary expenses, among the funds of the Grand Chapter.

#### ARTICLE XIX.

##### OF THE OFFICERS OF CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Each High Priest has it in special charge to see that the by-laws of his Chapter, and the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, as well as those of the General Grand Chapter, are duly observed ; that accurate records are kept, and just accounts and proper reports rendered by his officers ; and that regular returns are annually made to the Grand Chapter, at the time prescribed therefor, with prompt payment of the annual dues. From his decisions there shall be no appeal to the Chapter, but any five members thereof may complain of his decisions or conduct to the Grand Chapter or Grand High Priest. In all cases of a tie vote, except votes by ballot, the High Priest, in addition to his proper vote, may have the casting vote.

Sec. 2. The King and Scribe shall perform the duties severally assigned them by the traditional usages of the Order ; and in the absence of the High Priest, shall, in the order of their rank, succeed to and be charged with all his powers and duties.

Sec. 3. The Treasurer shall receive from the Secretary all moneys belonging to the Chapter, and shall pay the same out under such regulations and account therefor at such times and in such manner as may by it be prescribed.

Sec. 4. The Secretary shall keep an accurate record of all the transactions of the Chapter, which should be written, including a list of the officers and members present at each assembly ; shall collect the revenue, and pay it over to the Treasurer ; shall keep correct accounts of the dues of members ; shall prepare and transmit the annual returns to the Grand Secretary ; shall keep the seal of the Chapter, and affix it to all documents emanating therefrom ; and shall perform such other duties as may be required of him by the Chapter or the High Priest.

Sec. 5. The other officers shall perform such duties as traditionally appertain to their respective stations, or as may be assigned them by the Chapter or the High Priest.

#### ARTICLE XX.

##### OF MEMBERSHIP.

SECTION 1. Membership in a Chapter may be acquired by having regularly received the degree of Royal Arch Mason therein ; by having been duly elected for affiliation therewith ; or, by having been named, in a dispensation for a new Chapter, as one of the petitioners therefor.

Sec. 2. No Royal Arch Mason shall be a member of more than one Chapter at a time.

Sec. 3. Membership in a Chapter can only be terminated by voluntary withdrawal therefrom ; by the dissolution of the Chapter ; or by death, suspension, or expulsion.

SEC. 4. A member of a Chapter may withdraw therefrom, unless charges are pending against him, by paying his dues and notifying the Chapter of such intention at any stated meeting; but no recommendatory certificate shall be issued unless ordered by a majority of the members present.

SEC. 5. No member of a Chapter shall be required to divulge his vote upon a ballot for the degrees or for affiliation, nor to assign reasons for such vote, if it be known.

## *Of Trials, Appeals, and Penalties*

### ARTICLE XXI.

#### RELATIVE TO THE GRAND HIGH PRIEST.

SECTION 1. Charges may be preferred against the Grand High Priest for abuse of his power, violation of the Constitution or Regulations of the Grand Chapter, or other unmasonic conduct, by any five High Priests of Chapters; which charges shall be in writing, over their signatures, and shall be presented to the last Past Grand High Priest of this Grand Chapter who may be within the State, and who is a member of a Chapter within its jurisdiction.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such charges, it shall be the duty of such Past Grand High Priest to transmit a copy thereof to the accused, if within the State, at least thirty days, and if without the State, at least ninety days, before the time designated for the trial, together with a notification to attend at such time, and at the place he may therein name, which shall be one most convenient for the parties; and he shall also summon four or more other Past Grand High Priests of this State, who shall be members of Chapters therein, to assemble with him at the time and place designated, and shall notify the accused thereof.

SEC. 3. The tribunal thus assembled, or any of its members, shall have power to summon witnesses at the request of either party; it shall receive such testimony as in its judgment shall be proper, and shall determine finally upon the guilt or innocence of the accused; and the opinion of the majority shall be the judgment of the tribunal, and shall be final.

SEC. 4. The only penalty inflicted shall be deprivation of office; but, when thus deprived, the adjudged may be amenable to his Chapter upon a charge of unmasonic conduct.

SEC. 5. The Grand Secretary shall attend at the trial to keep a record of the proceedings and of the judgment, which shall be filed in his office, and shall be presented at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 6. All necessary traveling expenses of the members of such tribunal shall be paid by the Grand Chapter.

### ARTICLE XXII.

#### RELATIVE TO HIGH PRIESTS OF CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. Charges may be preferred against the High Priest of a Chapter for abuse of his power, violation of the Constitution or Regulations, or for unmasonic conduct of any kind, by any five Royal Arch Masons in good standing; which charges shall be in writing, over their signatures, and shall be presented to the Grand Chapter, if in session, or to the Grand High Priest during the vacation.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such charges, the Grand Chapter, or the Grand High Priest, as the case may be, may at once appoint and summon not less than three nor more than seven disinterested High Priests, to assemble as Commissioners to hear and determine thereupon; and shall then summon the accused to appear and answer thereunto, at such time and place most convenient for the parties as shall be indicated in said summons; giving him, if within the jurisdiction of his Chapter, at least ten days; if without that jurisdiction, and within the State, at least thirty days;

and if without the State, at least ninety days, to answer thereunto; and transmitting to him also a copy of the charges.

SEC. 3. The Commissioners, thus assembled, shall choose one of their number to preside, and they, or any of them, shall have power to summon witnesses, at the request of either party. The witnesses, if Masons, shall testify, upon their honor, as such; if not, their deposition shall be taken, in writing, before an officer legally authorized to administer oaths; and, in such case, the party requiring such depositions shall notify the other of the time and place when and where they will be taken, that he may, if he choose, be present thereat.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners may adjourn from time to time, at their own convenience, or for good cause shown by either party; provided, that the period within which their duties shall be concluded shall not exceed ten days, unless, for sufficient reasons, the Grand High Priest shall grant them further time.

SEC. 5. The opinion of a majority of the Commissioners shall be deemed the judgment of the whole, and shall be conclusive, unless an appeal be taken at the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 6. The penalties which may be inflicted by such Commissioners may be either deprivation of office, suspension, or expulsion, as in their judgment shall be deemed proper.

SEC. 7. The Commissioners shall keep a complete record of their proceedings and of their judgment, and shall transmit the same to the Grand Secretary at the conclusion of the trial; and the judgment shall at once be carried into effect by order of the Grand High Priest.

SEC. 8. An appeal to the Grand Chapter may be taken at its next Annual Convocation, by either party, if notice thereof be given to the Grand Secretary within thirty days after the conclusion of the trial.

#### ARTICLE XXIII.

##### RELATIVE TO CHAPTERS AND MEMBERS OF DIFFERENT CHAPTERS.

SECTION 1. When a controversy shall arise between Chapters, or between a Chapter and a member or members of another Chapter, charges may be preferred by either party, if in good standing; which charges shall be in writing and shall be presented to the Grand Chapter, or Grand High Priest, as provided in Sec. 1, Art. XXII.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such charges, not less than five nor more than seven Commissioners shall be appointed and summoned, as provided in Sec. 2, Art. XXII, which Commissioners shall be High Priests, Kings, or Scribes, and shall be selected from at least three different Chapters not interested in the controversy, and most convenient to the parties; and the accused party shall be summoned, with such time to answer as provided in the section and article last quoted.

SEC. 3. The Commissioners shall have power to proceed, and shall keep a record of their proceedings and judgment in the same manner as provided in Sec. 7, Art. XXII, and the penalties which they may inflict may be any known to Masonic usage; or, if the case be not one involving a violation of Masonic duty, the decision may be such special one as the circumstances shall, in their judgment, warrant.

SEC. 4. An appeal may be taken by either party to the Grand Chapter, as provided in Sec. 8, Art. XXII.

#### ARTICLE XXIV.

##### RELATIVE TO ROYAL ARCH MASONS INDIVIDUALLY.

SECTION 1. When any member of a Chapter (except its High Priest or the Grand High Priest), or any Royal Arch Mason residing within its jurisdiction, shall be accused of unmasonic conduct, charges to that effect may be preferred by any Royal Arch Mason in good standing; which charges shall be in writing, over his signature, and shall be presented to the High Priest of the Chapter having jurisdiction thereof.

SEC. 2. Upon the presentation of such charges it shall be the duty of the High Priest, by due notification, to call a special meeting of his Chapter as soon as practicable, and there cause to be elected, by ballot, and by a majority of those present, not less than seven nor more than nine of its members, who shall assemble as Commissioners, to hear and determine thereupon, at such time and place, convenient to the parties, as he shall indicate; and he shall also summon the accused to appear and answer thereunto at such time and place; and shall, at the same time, cause the Secretary to furnish him with a copy of the charges and to notify the accuser of the said time and place of trial.

SEC. 3. If the accused be within the jurisdiction of the Chapter, the summons and copy of the charges shall be issued at least ten days prior to the day appointed for the trial, and shall be served personally by the Guard, or shall be left at his ordinary residence or place of business. If he be without the said jurisdiction, but within the State, and his residence be known, they shall be issued at least thirty days before the day of trial, and shall be forwarded to his address by the Secretary, by mail or other usual mode of conveyance, which shall be deemed sufficient service. If he be without the State and his residence be known, they shall be issued at least ninety days before the trial, and shall be forwarded to his address by the Secretary, as before provided, which shall be sufficient service. If his address is unknown, the High Priest shall order the trial to proceed at once upon the testimony *ex parte*.

SEC. 4. The Commissioners shall assemble at the time and place appointed, and shall choose one of their number to preside; and the Secretary, by order of the High Priest, shall attend them to keep a full and correct record of the proceedings and of the judgment, under their supervision.

SEC. 5. The High Priest shall summon such witnesses within the jurisdiction of his Chapter, as may be desired by either party, and the accused may select any brother in good standing to assist him in his defense. The witnesses, if Masons, shall testify on their honor as such; if not, their depositions shall be taken in writing, before an officer legally authorized to administer oaths, and, in such case, the party requiring such depositions shall notify the other of the time and place when and where they will be taken, that he may, if he choose, be present thereat.

SEC. 6. The Commissioners may adjourn from time to time, at their own convenience, or for sufficient cause shown by either party; provided that the period within which their duties shall be concluded shall not exceed ten days, unless, for good reasons shown, the High Priest shall grant them further time.

SEC. 7. After all the testimony shall have been received, the Commissioners shall proceed to deliberate upon their verdict and sentence, with none present save themselves and the Secretary, which last shall have no voice in the proceedings. The judgment of a majority of the Commissioners shall be taken as the decision of the whole; and when the trial is concluded the Secretary shall make a fair copy of the record and finding, under their supervision, which shall be signed by the Chairman of such Commission, and attested by the Secretary, and shall be presented to the High Priest, who, at the next meeting of his Chapter, shall, in the presence of its members only, announce the result, and direct the Secretary to record the same as the judgment of the Chapter, and file the record for safe keeping among its archives.

SEC. 8. The penalties which may be inflicted are reprimand in open Chapter, suspension, or expulsion. If the sentence be reprimand, the High Priest shall summon the adjudged to appear at the next stated meeting, when it shall be carried into effect, in the presence only of the members of the Chapter. If it be suspension or expulsion, it shall at once go into effect, and the Secretary shall immediately notify the Grand Secretary thereof; and it shall be final and conclusive, unless an appeal be taken to the Grand Chapter.

SEC. 9. An appeal may be taken to the Grand Chapter, by either party, at its next succeeding Annual Convocation, but not unless a notice of such intended appeal

shall be given to the High Priest within thirty days after his announcement of the result of the trial ; and in all cases of expulsion or suspension, the High Priest shall cause the Secretary to prepare a transcript of the record of trial, and immediately transmit it to the Grand Secretary, together with information of the appeal intended, if any there be.

#### ARTICLE XXV.

##### OF REVISIONS AND RESTORATIONS.

SECTION 1. All judgments from which an appeal may be taken as hereinbefore provided, shall be reviewed in the Grand Chapter, or before a committee thereof, during its session, upon the record sent up, and upon such other proper documents as may be submitted ; and its decision shall be final and conclusive.

SEC. 2. All sentences of suspension shall be for an indefinite period ; and a Chapter may, at any stated meeting, by the votes of two-thirds of the members present, annul any such sentence of suspension pronounced by itself, and restore the Mason thus suspended to all his Masonic rights ; provided that notice of a resolution for such restoration shall have been given at the stated meeting next preceding. And in case of such restoration, the Secretary shall at once notify the Grand Secretary thereof.

SEC. 3. The Grand Chapter may, at any Annual Convocation, if good cause therefor be shown, restore a Mason who has been suspended or expelled within its jurisdiction ; but such restoration shall not restore him to membership in the Chapter by which he was suspended or expelled.

SEC. 4. No suspension, expulsion, or restoration, shall be published otherwise than as hereinbefore provided, except by authority of the Grand Chapter, or by order of the Grand High Priest.

### *Of Amendments and Obligations of Office.*

#### ARTICLE XXVI.

##### OF AMENDMENTS.

SECTION 1. This Constitution may be altered or amended at any Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter by a vote of two-thirds of the members present ; but no alteration or amendment shall be acted upon until after its reference to the Committee on Jurisprudence, who shall report thereon as soon as practicable.

#### ARTICLE XXVII.

##### OF OBLIGATIONS OF OFFICE.

SECTION 1. All officers of the Grand Chapter and of its subordinates, before entering upon the duties of their respective stations, shall take a solemn obligation that they will maintain and support the Constitution and Regulations of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America, and of the Grand Chapter of the State of California.

## GENERAL REGULATIONS

OF THE

### GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

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1. The degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates, notwithstanding that they may have previously had a degree of that name conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

2. All the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in the conferring of degrees, to conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its special Convocation, in September, 1855.

3. Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a Book of Marks, kept by the Chapter for that purpose, and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.

4. The term "nearest Chapter," used in the Constitution, means the nearest by geographical measurement.

5. No Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason, for any cause.

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

7. Whenever two or more Chapters exist in any city or town within this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of each of such Chapters to notify the other or others, existing in the same place, of all applications presented to it for the degrees.

8. When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon, and upon the reception of said report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

9. No petition for the degrees, or application for membership, shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and, in the annual reports of the subordinate Chapters, the given name or names of every member or others upon their rolls, shall be given in full.

10. The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

11. That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

12. That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter, asking such dispensation.

13. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction, shall be, simply, that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary.

14. That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in his case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

15. From and after the first day of December, 1874, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.

16. That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

17. That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.



## RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

### GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

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**RULE 1.** When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

**RULE 2.** After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with: the Address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named: and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

**RULE 3.** After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials, and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

**RULE 4.** All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

**RULE 5.** No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered, was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

**RULE 6.** When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

**RULE 7.** These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote of two-thirds of the members present.

# RETURNS

OF THE

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

## GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,

A. I. 2410.

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### SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

*San Francisco, San Francisco County.*

*Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.*

#### OFFICERS :

Edward Taylor Anthony, <i>High Priest,</i>	Martin Kuttner Landen, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Michael James Keating, <i>King,</i>	William Matthews Edgar, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Isaac Philanson Kincaid, <i>Scribe,</i>	Peter Buck Nagle, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Joseph Clement, <i>Treasurer,</i>	James Waterman Baldwin, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Samuel Swift, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Henry Hunt, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
George Edward Jones, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Edward Gilberts, <i>Guard.</i>

#### Past High Priests:

John Dunbar Creigh, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	John Rudolph Jarboe,	Samuel Sternheim,
Adolphus Hollub, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Milton Hills Myrick,	Alfred Rising.
Louis Cohn,	Stewart Menzies,	Henry Wangenheim.
Martin John Burke,	Theodore Edward Smith,	

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allenberg, Charles	Brown, Brainard Charles	Connelly, James Edward
Anderson, Thomas	Bryan, William	Cooper, William
Arnheim, Samuel Siegmund	Bryan, Thomas	Craig, James
Baum, Simon	Burnham, James William	Craig, Peter
Behrendt, Herman	Burns, Henry Jameson	Cressy, Albert
Berggren, August	Carson, James Gilmore	Curry, John
Bergson, Ole	Carpenter, Augustine Dyer	Curry, Nathaniel
Bilty, Theodore George	Chase, Charles Metaphor	Daneri, Antonio
Black, Henry Melvin	Christy, Robert Francis	Daniel, John
Blankenstein, Henry	Olinch, Charles Godfrey	Davis, Henry Laurens
Bosworth, Henry Martyn	Cogswell, Jas. La Fayette	Doane, John Osbourne
Bradbury, Wm. Blackstone	Cohen, Henry Lyon	Doane, Sharon Pratt
Brandenstein, Meyer	Cohen, Simon	Dore, Benjamin
Browell, Jeremiah	Congdon, Henry Bliss	Douthitt, David William

Drucker, August	Lengfeld, Abraham Lewis	Randall, George Clinton
Dusenberg, Louis	Leviston, George	Reinhart, Benjamin
Edwards, Henry	Levy, Jacob	Reynolds, Leonard
Einstein, Morris	Levy, Morris Bernhard	Richards, Charles Wesley
Eisenberg, Julius	Levinsky, Marks	Richards, Charles West, Jr.
Elfelt, Joseph	Lewis, William	Ritter, Charles August
Enricht, Louis	Lucas, Robert Hume	Roberts, John Charles
Esberg, Mendel	Luchsinger, John Jacob	Robinson, Cornel's Preston
Ewing, Charles Grey	Madison, John Henry	Robitscheck, Herman
Fisher, Henry James	Makins, James Nicholas	Rosenbaum, Joseph
Flatau, Louis	Manheim, Isaac	Rosenbaum, Julius
Foorman, Samuel	Manzur, Lonson Martin	Rosenbaum, Moses
Fox, Otto	Markewitz, Augustus	Ross, Daniel W
Frank, Emanuel Max	Mayer, S Julius	Saalburg, William
Franz, Bernhard	McAllister, William Francis	Sabat��, Phillippe Gabriel
Frapolli, Baptiste	McDonald, Robert	Samuels, David
Fried, Ignatius S	McKew, John	Sanborn, Albion Irving
Friedberg, Morris Solomon	McKenzie, John Ross	Saulman, August
Friedlander, Moritz	McLeod, James	Sawyer, Lorenzo
Fuller, Andrew Henry	Mead, Lewis Riadon	Scharlin, John Aaron
Gallagher, Edward M	Mendelson, Solomon	Schoenfeld, Jacob
Gerhow, Frederick	Meyer, Charles	Schweitzer, Morris
Gerstenberg, Henry	Michaels, Aaron William	Schweitzer, Jacob
Getz, Bernhard	Mohrhardt, Philip Frederick	Seiler, Paul
Getz, Joseph	Moore, Thomas	Seitz, George
Getz, Louis	Moraghan, Michael Bolan	Selleck, Silas
Getz, Solomon	Mosgrove, Samuel	Smith, Charles Ward
Giacomini, Giovanni Dom.	Murphy, John Charles	Solomon, Albert
Giamboni, Natale	Myers, William	Spaulding, George
Gianettoni, Malachia	Newbauer, Herman Wolf	Sprague, Rufus William, Jr.
Goldberg, Jacob	Newberger, Gustavus	Steffani, Camillo
Gordon, James Edward	Newfield, Marcus	Stuart, William Adams
Goyette, Joseph	Newhall, Henry Mayo	Sweet, Solomon
Greenberg, Henry Sampson	Newman, Carleton	Taubles, Maximillian
Gruenberg, Max	Newman, Isaac	Thornhill, Joseph
Hall, John Chase	Nickel, Lorenzo	Todd, David Byron
Hawes, Elisha	Nicolaysen, Frank	Triest, Bernhard
Hawley, James Augustus	Nutsen, Charles Andrew	Turpin, Frederick Light
Hayes, George Walfred	Parker, Charles Hubbard	Van Vlack, Gilbert James
Herzo, John	Parker, John Henry	Voigt, Christian Heinrich
Huntoon, Isaac Davenport	Pearson, Henry Haven	Von Aspern, John
Jacoby, Augustus	Penhallow, DeBlois Pearce	Wagner, Theodore
Johnson, Henry	Penlington, George	Waters, Charles
Jones, William	Penny, James Crymes	Wedekind, George Louis
Jordon, Dennis	Phillips, Wm. Armstrong	Weed, Alexander
Kelly, Robert Price	Pippey, Robert Norman	White, Robert Frank
Kenitzer, Henry	Plummer, Benjamin Lucans	Whiting, Henry Herpeine
Kerr, James Patterson	Poly, Louis	Williams, Henry
King, Robert Irvine	Prag, Martin	Wilsinski, Marks
Kittbridge, Jonathan	Prescott, Charles Josephus	Wilson, Duncan Montrose
Kline, Henry	Prince, Henry Gilman	Wood, Andrew Bunker
Kohlman, Solomon	Purfurst, August Bernhardt	Wormser, Louis
Kohn, Isaac	Quirk, Thomas Francis	Wurkheim, Morris—225.
Lardner, Henry Francis		

**PAST MASTERS:**

Fox, Andrew Wood

Smith, Charles Schiffein—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Caro, Samuel

Greenberg, Samuel Henry

McQuesten, Charles

Emanuel, Emanuel

McLeod, Andrew Jackson

Schoenfeld, Louis Simon—6.

**EXCLUDED:**

Gay, John Gilmore

Newhall, Henry Cheever

Treat, George—3.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

O'Neill, Robert—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report, .....	226	Withdrawn, .....	6
Exalted, .....	6	Excluded, .....	3
Affiliated, .....	2	Suspended for non-payment dues, .....	1
Restored, .....	1—235.	Now borne upon the roll, .....	225—235.

**SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2.****Sonora, Tuolumne County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**Solomon Benas, *High Priest,*Peter Klein, *Principal Sojourner,*George Carroll Bush, *King,*Joseph Moore Hampton, *Royal Arch Capt.*Alonzo Colby, *Scribe,*Frederick Francis Mitchell, *Mas. 3d Vail,*Charles Edward Lang, *Treasurer,*Henry Clay Calhoun, *Master 2d Vail,*Edward Keil, *Secretary,*Henry Sivening, *Master 1st Vail,*William Gustave Rudorff, *Capt. of the Host,* Francis Anthony Prassa, *Guard.***Past High Priests:**

Francis Anthony Prassa,

Stephen Wing,

James Bell,

Alvin Bacon Preston,

Edward Skinner,

Gideon Wing,

Isaac Newton McCulloch,

William Henry Ryan,

Solomon Benas.

Frederick Faxon,

Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Andross, Moses Chamber'n

Fuller, James Monroe

Patterson, Archibald

Bach, William Francis

Haslacher, Jacob

Reed, Abner

Bacon, Martin

Lampson, Royal Mills

Sharrock, Evrard

Barlow, Abraham

Mathews, James

Stinson, James

Beach, John Carter

Mann, John Christian

Valpey, Abraham Morton

Booth, James Godfrey

Means, Andrew Jackson

Wilson, Richard Montgom'y

Byrd, Francis Jahew

Mundorf, John

Winnie, George

Collins, John

Oppenheimer, Benjamin

Wade, Charles Frederick

Forsterling, Louis, Jr.

Parsons, Edmond

Wykoff, William—48.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Brown, Gurdon—1.

**DIED:**

Klein, Conrad—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report, .....	50	Withdrawn, .....	1
		Died, .....	1
		Now borne upon the roll, .....	48—50.

## SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

*Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

William Buckley Davis, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Edward Oughton, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Mortimer Coglean, <i>King</i> ,	Cyrus Hayden Hubbard, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
William Rowland Jones, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Evander Berry Willis, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Anthony Egl, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John William Stanearth, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Alfred Augustus Redington, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Ochsner, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Davey, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	George Frederick Bronner, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Jas. L. English, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Powell Samuel Lawson,	John Chilton Burch,
William Franklin Knox,	William Monroe Petrie,	Creed Haymond.
Francis Foster,	William Buckley Davis,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Acock, Thomas Lafayette	Davis, Jacob Zeigler	Hawk, Elbridge L
Adams, Oliver Miller	Davis, James Gilliland	Hawkins, William
Alexander, Benj. Franklin	Davis, Jerome Cox	Hevener, William Henry
Allen, John Francis	Davis, William Hewson	Hillier, Theodore
Allen, Robert	Day, James Thompson	Hoag, William Moffit
Arrasmith, Vernon	Dennerly, Bernard	Hoehn, Jacob
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Dennerly, Alphonse	Hogg, John Milton
Bair, Darius H	Denson, Samuel Crawford	Holmes, Henry T
Ball, Charles Henry	Domingos, John	Houghton, William Alton
Bartels, William	Dresher, Valentine	Hubbs, Anthony
Barrett, Isaac Thomas	Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Huggins, Henri Tyler
Barrett, John William	Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Hull, Joseph
Banquier, Joseph	Eickhoff, John Henry	Hunt, William Smith
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin	Feldheim, Nathan G	Hyman, Jacob, Sr.
Berkey, Thomas Henry	Forbes, Robert	Hyman, Jacob, Jr.
Bliss, Sidney	Foster, James Stuart	Inwalle, John Joseph
Bloek, Maurice	Foy, Frederick Mathias	Irvine, William John
Brewington, Benj. Smith	Foye, Wm. Robinson Smith	Jagau, Hans Bernhard Wm.
Brougham, Frederick P	Frank, Samuel	Jackson, William Franklin
Bryding, Peter	Frazee, Robert Smith	Jacobs, Enoch
Burnham, James Henry	Frost, Amos Locke	Jenkins, George W.
Bush, George Thompson	Gallatin, Albert	Johnson, Julian Workman
Calderwood, Job Francis	Gerson, Samuel	Johnston, William
Carlson, Edward	Gillis, Dougald	Jones, Edward Augustus
Caswell, William Averill	Giraud, Eugene	Kay, Samuel
Champlin, Nelson	Glover, Edwin	Keber, Jacob
Clark, Thomas William	Gonnet, Adrien	Kellogg, Cornelius
Cluness, William Robert	Griffitts, John T	Kercheval, Reuben
Coolledge, Isaac Baldwin	Haines, Gabriel	Kimball, Gorham Gates
Cook, Frank Herbert	Hammer, Luther Kertz	Knight, William Rudd
Cook, Hiram	Harbison, John S.	Krebs, Charles Henry
Crocker, Henry Smith	Harmon, Rufus Burnham	Lavenson, Samuel
Croly, Edward James	Harper, Thomas	Leloy, Louis
Cunningham, John Austin	Harris, Elias Bramon	Leveson, Jacob
Dale, Richard	Haskell, Dudley Haines	Levy, Bernard

Levy, Edward Roger	Phillips, Louis	Tufts, Albert Currier
Libby, Warren Thompson	Pool, Josiah	Ulp, Alfred
Littlefield, Lewis Bateman	Porter, James Nichols	Van Voorhies, Albert Alex.
Locke, George Washington	Putnam, George Alfred	Vermilya, Abram John
Lyon, Edward	Rath, Elias	Wachhorst, Herman
Maier, Jacob Fred. William	Ressegule, James Gleason	Walker, Myron Philo
Marvin, Frank William	Robinson, Robert	Wallquist, Carl Johan
Merrill, John F.	Rothfeld, Sigmund	Webster, Samuel Excelsior
McConnell, Thomas	Sawyer, James C.	Welch, Benjamin
McCormack, Charles	Shields, Charles Fox	Welch, George Drake
McLaughlin, William	Smith, John Wm. Martin	White, George Amos
Miller, Peter Andrew	Smith, Joshua Hughes	Wick, Robert Kerr
Miller, John Henry	Smith, Frank Augustus	Wickstrom, Carl Elias
Montgomery, George	Smith, Thomas	Wilcoxson, Jefferson
Morse, Stephen Turner	Spinks, Alfred	Willis, William Ladd
Nathan, Samuel	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer	Wilson, Jesse Warren
O'Neil, James	Stober, Frederick Conrad	Willard, David Wright
Pacheco, Romualdo	Talbot, John	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Palmer, Asa John Wood	Taverner, George	Yoerk, August Charles
Parsons, Thomas Joseph	Trope, Peter	Zimmerman, Christian—186.
Peters, Robert James	Tubbs, John Charles	

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

McArthur, John—1.

## MARK MASTER:

Steinmeyer, Frederick Wilhelm—1.

## RESTORED:

Gates, Justin—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Choquette, Calixte	Gates, Justin	Winterburn, George Howard
Fillmore, Jerome Adolph	Harris, Thomas Spencer	—5.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Hamilton, Charles Alexander      Starr, Erwin Platt—2.

## DIED:

Harrison, Hamilton Carter—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report, .....	180	Withdrawn, .....	5
Exalted, .....	9	Suspended, .....	2
Affiliated, .....	4	Died, .....	1
Restored, .....	1—194.	Now borne upon the roll, .....	186—194.

## CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, No. 5.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.

## OFFICERS:

Abraham Halsey, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph McMath, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Franklin Henry Day, <i>King</i> ,	Arthur Weld Moore, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Knox Polk Wilson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Thomas Henry Dowling, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Hiram Throop Graves, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles Gustavus Simons, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Samuel David Mayer, <i>Organist</i> ,
Alison Van Denburgh, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	James Oglesby, <i>Guard</i> .
Charles Lyman Haskell, <i>Princ. Sojourner</i> ,	

**Past High Priests:**

Reuben Edgar Raimond,	Jesse Combes Reed,
William Henry Lyon,	Abraham Halsey,
Alexander Gurdon Abell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	William Wilson Traylor, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	John Kirkpatrick, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
William Thos. Reynolds, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Thomas Kyle,
John Francis Snow,	Charles Morton Radcliff, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Hiram Throop Graves,	Albert Frederick Knorp,
Alfred Cooledge Waitt,	William Abraham Davies, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Joseph Miller Litchfield,	Isaac Sutvene Titus, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Leonidas E Pratt,	Samuel Graves.
John Elbridge Purdy,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allen, William Henry	Dean, Peter	Jaynes, Frank
Angus, John Archibald	Deweese, Cornelius, Jr.	Jeffers, Milo Sidney
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson	Dougherty, Charles Medley	Jeffray, William
Bacon, Joseph Snowden	Earl, John Ogden	Johnson, John Munroe
Baker, George Frank	Earle, Henry Halford	Johnston, William David
Barnhisel, Epenetus Rodg's	Earle, Slade Anthony, Jr.	Jones, Cyrus Winship
Baston, Joseph Gardner	Eastman, Frank	Jones, William
Bell, John	Easton, Wendell	Jones, William Arthur
Benson, John Adelbert	Edgar, Dan Joseph	Kaeding, Chas. Van Buren
Berryman, Henri Burpee	Ellis, Henry Hiram	Kelly, Robert Gabriel
Best, John Tritten	Estee, Morris March	Kennedy, Frank
Blaser, John Christian	Ewell, Luther Jerome	Kennedy, John Fitzmaurice
Boswell, Solomon Bailey	Fake, George John	Kimball, Moses Coombe
Bragg, Robert,	Farwell, William Havard	King, Henry Lewis
Bridge, William Edward	Fiske, Henry Mortimer	King, John
Brigham, Calvin Oaks	Flint, Brilsford Pease	King, Joseph Libbey
Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Foot, Henry Duquesnet	Kuh, Leopold
Bromley, George Tisdale	Foree, George Haynes	Laird, David White
Brooks, Thomas Hubbard	Gabbs, Albert Steph. Isaiah	Landers, John
Browning, Jeremiah	Garratt, Benjamin Franklin	Lewis, Edwin
Bruner, Wm. Happersatt	Garratt, William Thompson	Leydecker, Theo. William
Bullis, Omri	Gilmore, Archibald Neill	Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Burges, Tristram	Grant, Thomas Chamberlain	Louderback, And'w And'an
Campbell, Robert	Graham, Monkhouse	Luty, John Samuel
Castle, Stephen	Hall, Robert	Lyman, Charles
Center, John	Haraszthy, Arpad	Macdonald, William
Center, William	Harney, William	Mann, Azro Lévi
Chapin, Dinamore Davis	Harrington, John Conly	Martin, Alexander
Churchill, Clark	Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn	Marye, George Thomas, Jr.
Cockrill, Theo. Guevara	Highton, Henry Edward	McComb, John
Coe, James	Hildebrandt, Carsten	McCullough, H. VanSchaick
Cook, Joseph Carroll Hoff	Hodge, John Graham	McLane, George Milligan
Cox, Henry	Horton, Thomas Rotch	McLennan, Donald
Cox, Palmer	Hotaling, Anson Parsons	McMillan, Daniel
Crawford, John Jones	Hotchkiss, Henry Wells	Middleton, Frank
Cummings, Walter Bailey	Howard, Horace Zerah	Miller, Stephen Baldwin
Dalbey, Edgar Wilson	Howe, George Washington	Montague, Wilford Weed
Dalton, Franklin	Hughes, David	Moore, Elliott Josiah
Damon, George Dimick	Ingalls, John Newton	Moore, Robert Henry
Davis, Edmund Smith	Jackson, Alden W	Morgan, John Stillwell
Davis, Isaac Elphinstone	Jacobs, Albert	Morse, Ebenezer Eaton

Muller, John	Rosekrans, Hiram	Swift, James Flitcroft
Nagel, William	Rundell, William Mason	Taylor, John Brinkworth
Neal, Charles Sanders	Russell, John Adam	Taylor, John Ward
Norcross, Daniel	Schoder, Joseph	Thompson, John Henry
O'Conner, Thomas Michael	Scott, Shailer Mackintosh	Thompson, Lucius
Osgood, George	Scott, Thomas William	Thrall, Henry Homer
Otersen, Herman	Seaton, Horace Henry	Torrence, John
Otto, Charles	Shaeffer, John Werner	Trueworthy, Francis Mar'n
Partridge, Edward Briggs	Shattuck, David Dustin	Tustin, William Isaac
Payne, Warren Ritch	Shaw, Oliver Bradbury	Tyrrell, John Haydon
Pendergast, James Albert	Short, Peter	Vanderslice, William Keyser
Periam, Charles James	Shrader, Andrew Jackson	Van Duzer, Oliver
Peterson, Arthur Simison	Skelly, James Henry	Vollmer, Edward
Pierce, George Lincoln	Smith, Edwin Lawrence	Wadhams, Luman
Plum, Charles Mortimer	Smith, Stephen Henry	Wadsworth, James O. Luke
Plummer, Harry Wilkinson	Stadtfeld, Jacob	Waterhouse, Fred. Adelbert
Pollock, James Crawford	Stanley, Samuel Lewis	Waters, George Latham
Porter, Thomas Alexander	Starbird, Albion Wilson	Wells, William
Powell, Robert Baldwin	Steiger, Charles Rudolphe	Wetherbee, Calvin Hale
Price, Thomas	Steiner, Nicholas	Wheeler, Jacob
Prior, John Lewis	Stevens, William Emerson	Wilde, Francis Brooke
Ramsdell, Benjamin Hatch	Stoutenborough, John H'y	Williamson, Robert Stockton
Reavis, William Henry	Stringer, William James	Wilson, Charles
Reynolds, Frank Bailey	Sullivan, Eugene Lemuel	Wooster, John Benjamin
Richards, William Henry	Sumner, Frank William	Wylie, James—230.
Root, Ira Colburn		

## PAST MASTERS:

Hamilton, Hiram Milton	Plate, Henry Augustus	Preston, Edgar Frank—3.
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## RESTORED:

Lewis, Edwin	Litchfield, Watson Dyer—2.
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## WITHDRAWN:

Davis, Solomon	Litchfield, Watson Dyer	Morton, Charles Cary
Farish, Thomas Edwin	McCrindle, William	Sumner, William Brintnell
Hammond, John	Miles, Edward Mickle	—8.

## EXCLUDED:

Gray, William	Kincaid, John Evans—2.
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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Bechtinger, Joseph	Garfield, John Quincy	Nickerson, Charles
Brannan, Samuel	Irwin, James	Thomson, Malcolm
Callaghan, Charles	Johnson, William Corrie	Urquhart, James Simonson
Crossman, James Haskell	Morse, Amos Clark	Valentine, John
Elliot, Charles Emery	Nagle, George Dedrich	Wade, Albert Patten—15.

## EXPELLED:

McPheeters, Wesley Stewart	Smith, Wm. Findley—2.
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## DIED:

Bateman, Isaac Christian	Elliot, Gardner—2.
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## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....	256	Withdrawn,.....	8
Affiliated,.....	1	Excluded,.....	2
Restored,.....	2—259.	Suspended for non-paym't dues	15
		Expelled,.....	2
		Died,.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll,.....	230—259.



## NEVADA CHAPTER, No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Halstead Stansfield, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jeremiah Newton Payne, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
Francis Marion Hathaway, <i>King</i> ,	James Donald, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
George Crawford Shaw, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Kaskil Caspar, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Philip Richards, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Mason Buffington, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Herbert Boardman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Barton, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Ianthia Jerome Rolfe, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Holmes, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Thos. H. Caswell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Thomas Mein.	Ianthia Jerome Rolfe.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Brown, John Earl	Holland, Jacob La Fayette	Reld, James
Crandall, Orman	Long, William David	Richards, William Gilbert
Dickson, John Hutton	Marsh, Daniel	Roberts, William Anderson
Dill, John	Marsh, Martin Luther	Rose, David
Duryea, William Henry	McBean, John	Rose, James
Ennis, Franklin	McElvy, Charles	Sargent, Aaron Augustus
Faull, George Henry	McNulty, Henry	Sanders, Josiah
Fleming, Jos. Davenport	Montgomery, John	Searls, Niles
Floyd, William	Naffziger, Jacob	Siddles, Milan Burchard
Gentry, Richard Benton	Nelson, Ole Amos	Stowers, Nathaniel Henry
Goldsmith, Abraham	Pease, Sanford Orrin	Tilley, Edwin
Hale, Horace	Powers, George S	Williamson, Levi
Hampton, Eliasha	Preston, Edward Myers	Wing, Rodney—53.

## WITHDRAWN:

Davis, George Ransom—1.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Chapin, Samuel Leonard	Gilbert, John Richards—2.
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## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....55	Withdrawn ..... 1
Exalted..... 1—56.	Suspended for non-paym't dues... 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....53—56.

## BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.

Benicia, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

Timothy Sage, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Wm. Robert Campbell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas McKay, <i>King</i> ,	Lansing Bond Mizner, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Murdock McArthur, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edw'd Horatio Von Pfister, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Reuger, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Joseph Green Johnson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Spalding, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Archibald McDonell, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Poor, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Mathewson, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priest:**

Timothy Sage.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**Danforth, Edwin  
Long, Michael HenryMathewson, John  
McKenzie, Allan

Stuart, Robert

—17

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....17

Now borne upon the roll.....17

**SHASTA CHAPTER, No. 9.****Shasta, Shasta County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Joseph Weil, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Daniel Porter Bystle, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Adolph Dobrowsky, <i>King</i> ,	Edwin Leland Baldwin, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Elijah Mason Dixon, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Marshal Alex. Mitchell, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Gunther Fred'k Chas. Schroeter, <i>Treas.</i> ,	James Levin Nichols, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Ely Hopping, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John William Garden, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Mortimer Cherberry Allen, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Ulysses Richard Lord, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**Adolph Dobrowsky.  
George Carruth Farquahar,  
Daniel Porter Bystle,Louis Wellendorff,  
Joseph Weil.**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Anderson, Charles	Overmeyer, Charles Edwin	Shearin, Daniel Thomas
Andrew, William	Parker, Elbridge Garry	Shuffleton, Hugh Hall
Andrews, Alex. Robertson	Pryor, Athanasius	Souter, John
Chappell, James Nathan	Recardo, John D	Swain, Alex. Cartwright
Coleman, Adorum	Reagan, James	Sweet, Henry Andrew
Guptill, William Neal	Reinecke, Christopher	Syme, John
*Higgins, William Thomas	Reynolds, John Edward	Taylor, Holloway
Martin, Rufus Franklin	Ross, Herman Frederick	Webb, John Paxton
Matlock, David B	Scammon, James Freeman	Weil, David
Moore, Joseph	Scott, John Varner	Wimmer, James Moses—44.

**PAST MASTER:**

Lodge, Robert James—1.

**MARK MASTER:**

Weil, Sigmond—1.

**EXCLUDED:**

Lean, William

West, Whiting Griswold—2.

**DIED:**

Anklin, Henry

Wheeler, Frank—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....48	Withdrawn.....1
Affiliated .....1—49.	Excluded .....2
	Died.....2
	Now borne upon roll.....44—49.

\*Since expelled by the Chapter.

## SUTTER CHAPTER, No. 11.

Sutter Creek, Amador County.

*Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Lithgow, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Morris Brinn, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas Dunlap, <i>King</i> ,	John Marchant, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Robert Robinson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Robert Redpath, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Vincent Lutnesky, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	David Anderson Patterson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Alonzo King Dudley, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Oulds, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John McDougal Post, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Jelevina, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Alvinza Hayward,	Robert Aitkin,	Abner Edward Callaway.
John Whitten Surface,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, James	Henley, Jonathan Specker	Robertson, Peter Sterling
Adams, John Quincy	Isaacs, Bernard	Russell, John Elisha
Bennett, William A	McLaine, Laughlin	Spagnolia, Sylv'r Giovanni
Berryman, Andrew	Manon, Samuel Sanford	Spagnolia, Benedito
Campbell, John Miss	Maxey, Jesse Blackburn	Steinberger, John Adam
Cinte, Peter Alonzo	McMurray, James William	Stewart, James Franklin
Cosner, Robert	Milliken, Jesse	Stewart, Samuel Decount R.
Davis, David Thomas	Miller, John	Stevens, James Bounty
Ellis, Volney Eaton	Newman, George	Sutherland, William
Fagan, Peter	Palmer, Eliphalet Charles	Surface, James Philip
Farley, James Thompson	Poundstone, Laurence Ryder	Taber, Frederick Ketchum
Ford, Henry Darnell	Parinton, Columbus Allen	Walther, Otto
Gunsolus, William Henry	Robinson, John Andrew	Welch, Wm. Henry Seward
Hall, Henry Frank	Reardon, John	Whitlach, Daniel Henry—58.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Houston, John Weakley—1.

## PAST MASTER:

Perkins, John Dabney—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Kelley, John Barnes—1.

## EXCLUDED:

Kerr, John B

Smith, William—2.

## DIED:

Huse, Samuel Emerson—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....	62—62.	Withdrawn,.....	1
		Excluded,.....	2
		Died,.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll,.....	58—62.

**MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.****Merced, Merced County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Adolph Simon, <i>High Priest,</i>	Arthur Homer Dauchy, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Hiram Newton Rucker, <i>King,</i>	Nicholas Breen, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Lewis Silman, <i>Scribe,</i>	Richard Langbien, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Isaac Henry Jacobs, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Silas Wright Geis, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
Aaron Badt, <i>Secretary,</i>	Ebenezer Maxwell Stoddard, <i>Mas. 1st Val,</i>
William John Hart, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Thomas Hall, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Charles Macmurdo Blair,	John Kirk Bernard,	Adolph Simon.
Mark Howell,	Samuel Claghorn Bates,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Adams, William	Coffman, William Franklin	Means, William Leland
Barfield, George Chadwick	Grade, William Adolph	Meany, Anthony James
Becker, Frederick	Hardwick, William Jeffer'n	Moore, Edwin
Bradford, Abram Clark	Harris, Charles Parsons	Rose, Henry Christopher
Burton, Thomas Newton	Howeth, Nelson	Wynn, William—33.
Chapman, Emery Washin'n	Jones, Lewis Fuller	

**PAST MASTERS:**

Bibby, Nicholas	Crittendon, John Leander	Jacobs, Elias—8.
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**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Brown, Samuel Mitchell	Stoneroad, Geo. Washing'n	Welch, Peyton Young
Lebright, Frederick	Welch, Lucillus Arthur	Wigginton, Peter Dinwiddle
Livingston, Chas. Chancellor		—7.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report, .....	35	Suspended for non-payment dues, 7
Exalted, .....	4	Now borne upon the roll, .....
Not reported last year, .....	1—40.	33—40.

**WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 13.****Marysville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Frederick Buttelmann, <i>High Priest,</i>	Frederick Low Krause, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Henry Charles Lott, <i>King,</i>	Phillip Hortop, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Amasa Willey White, <i>Scribe,</i>	Ernest Briceno Thompson, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Joseph Lask, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John Pepper, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
James Frederick Eastman, <i>Secretary,</i>	Simon Hochstadter, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
Avery Isaac Wightman, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	———, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

William Lee Lawrence,	Charles E Stone,	Lemuel Trescott Crane,
Norman Dunning Rideout,	William Fletcher,	Thomas Hugh Steel.
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,	Frederick Buttelmann,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Aaron, Frank. Wm. Howard	Harrington, Chria. Clark	Meek, Emerson Emmett
Baird, George Hall	Harrold, Ebenezer Nelson	Millar, Robert
Barns, Avery Powers	Hochstadter, Adolph	Millar, Thomas Boyd
Barrie, John Ferguson	Holland, Crawford	North, George
Barthe, Eugene	Holland, George	Oakley, Amasa Wilder
Batchelder, Adon'm Judson	Hollingshead, Jos. Easton	Parks, William Henry
Belcher, Edward Augustus	Hudson, Edward Henry	Parkhurst, Lorenzo Dow.
Belcher, Isaac Sawyer	Hutchins, Gavin Walker	Patterson, Charles Milton
Belcher, William Caldwell	Hutchinson, Samuel	Reece, Thomas White
Belding, Lyman	Jasper, Jos. M. Carrington	Rhay, Edward
Bingham, Atkins Clark	Jones, William Price	Rogers, Sam'l Josiah Smith
Bometter, Charles	Jones, James Thaddeus	Ross, Samuel Haws
Bradley, Samuel Henry	Jones, Richard	Saul, Jeremiah Andrew
Caldwell, Arthur Brooks.	Kernan, Thomas Hugh	Slingsby, William
Carpenter, Geo. Washington	Keser, Louis	Stanwood, Richard Goss
Clark, Levi Blasdell	Keymer, James	Stafford, Joshua
Crooks, John Edwin	Keyser, Phillip Walter	Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Davis, Edwin Amenzo	Knight, David Edgar	Sullivan, John Lyon
Decker, Peter	Kopf, Claus	Swain, William Caldwell
Depuy, Edward Spencer	Kosby, Augustus Emil	Teegarden, Eli
Dickey, James Thomas	Lockwood, Ebenezer Jay	Thom, David, Jr.
Dougall, Thomas	Logan, Anderson Dabney	Tomb, Jacob
Ellis, William Turner	Lohse, Hermann	Van Fleet, William
Earnshields, Victor Lewis	Marcuse, Meyer A	Walton, Benjamin Franklin
Flint, Joseph A	Marcuse, Marcus	Whitebread, William Cezar
Friend, William	Marker, Henry Bowman	Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Gerkin, John Henry	McKeehan, Iremons Hinkle	Willey, Amasa Parker.
Gianella, Vincenzo	McNutt, John Flemming	Wilson, Sanford Ellis—103.
Hamlin, Norman Scott		

**WITHDRAWN:**

Cory, Perry	Schulenberg, Adolph	Sparks, Martin Van Buren
Lefavor, William Franklin		—4.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Bockius, Charles George	Dobbins, Thomas	Spear, Andrew Potter
Chandler, Melvin Lavenl	Gibson, Alexander	Woods, Mathew—8.
Cheaney, John	McLean, William Taylor	

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....111	Withdrawn,.....	4
Exalted,.....4—115.	Suspended for non-paym't dues	8
	Now borne upon the roll,.....103—115.	

**HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14****San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wilson Hays, <i>High Priest,</i>	Daniel O Dunn, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Samuel Watson Boring, <i>King,</i>	William Alex. January, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
William Lorkin Woodrow, <i>Scribe,</i>	Wilbur Justus Wilcox, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William De Witt Tisdale, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Edmundson Rucker, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Hardage Lane Andrews, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Frederick Ellis, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Alonso Babbitt Hamilton, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Jacob Moser, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Wm. Alex. January, <i>P.G.H.P.</i>	Wilbur Justus Wilcox,	William Osman Breyfogle.
George May,	Henry Howard Cook,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Ackerly, William Oliver	Keith, John Matthew	Roberts, Return
Arnold, Austin	Lenzen, Theodore	Rowley, Albanus Bellger
Arnold, Charles Henry	Lowrie, John	Sargent, James Pattee
Bennett, George Edmund	Marston, Samuel Ingersoll	Sexton, William
Bishop, Samuel Addison	Martin, William Joseph	Scott, Alexander Franklin
Black, James Francis	Mayers, Christian	Shaw, Joseph Nathan
Blair, Thomas Henry	McAfee, Andrew Finley	Sim, George
Bradley, Ezra Smith,	McClosky, Thomas	Stephens, Columbus Cecil
Brown, Jeremiah Yancy	McDougall, Giles Eggleston	Stockton, Nathaniel Hiram
Bussa, John Trebilcock	McKee, Geo. Butterfield	Spring, Thaddeus Warsaw
Castle, Alex. Wilson	McLucas, Alexander	Sturges, Mahlon Beach
Coffin, Christop'r Columbus	McMurtry, William Sharpe	Tully, Edward Chaffin
Daugherty, Wm. Wallace	Middleton, Joseph Traill	Vandine, Eben
Fallon, Thomas	Morey, Harvey Chapin	Warthen, Albert
Gerdes, John Christian	Mott, John	Weller, Henry Olp
Haydock, William Henry	Moyle, Isaiah	Wells, Proctor R.
Headen, George Thomas	Ohnstein, Oscar	Weymouth, James Lambert
Hopkins, Isaiah Litler	Peacock, Geo. Washington	Whidden, George Ackerman
Howard, Volney	Pritchard, Edward	Williams, Edward
Jackson, William Andrew	Reither, Jacob	Yates, Lorenzo Gordin—75.

**RESTORED:**

Arnold, Austin—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Foote, George William	Knight, John	Meldram, Charles R.—3.
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**EXCLUDED:**

Gardner, David Boyd      May, Orange Scott—2.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Turner, Jared—1.

**DIED:**

Dix, Charles Wesley 1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....	81	Withdrawn,.....	3
Restored, .....	1—82.	Excluded,.....	2
		Suspended for non-payment dues.,	1
		Died, .....	1
		Now borne upon the roll,.....	75—82.

**CYRUS CHAPTER, No. 15.****Yreka, Siskiyou County.***Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John William Bird, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Vance, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Samuel White, <i>King</i> ,	Curtis Hooper Pyle, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Louis Constantine Huseman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Andrew Edw'd Schwatka, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William McConnell, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Francis Riley, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Pellet, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Francis Dumas, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Alonzo Emery Raynes, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Claus Schnackenberg, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Daniel Ream,	James Vance,	John Morris Walbridge,
Abisha Swain,	Alonzo Emery Raynes,	John William Bird.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Amos, Thomas	Eddy, William Castleton	Osterman, Jurgan
Brown, Alex. Mitchell	Fabricius, Andrew Jackson	Owens, Alexander
Carrick, Elijah	Hansen, Hans	Rogers, Franklin Augustus
Crooks, Andrew Donaldson	Horn, David	Rostetter, George
Diggles, James Alden	Jones, John Johnson	Shaw, David Henry
Doten, Josiah Wilson	Knight, George Horace	Wadsworth, Henry—35.
Durand, George	Nichols, Henry	

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Diggles, Henry Jonas	Newton, Joel—2.
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**DIED:**

Lytle, James Alexander—1.
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**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....38—38.	Suspended for non-paym't dues, 2
	Died,..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll,..... 35—38.

**ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.****Placerville, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Heirn Gilbert, <i>High Priest</i> ,	George Burnham, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas Fraser, <i>King</i> ,	Chas. Fitzgerald Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Andrew Thompson Culbertson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Andrew Jackson Kennedy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Giuseppe Rollieri, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Samuel Jemison Alden, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Frederick Ferdinand Barss, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Marco Varozza, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Henry Weatherwax, <i>C. of the H.</i> ,	Charles John Arvidsson, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Frederick Ferdinand Barss, Charles Fitzgerald Irwin,	George Heirn Gilbert.
Robert Chalmers,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aryansino, Nicola	Deuch, John William	Norton, Daniel E.
Barlow, Geo. Washington	Gelwicks, Daniel William	Page, Horace Francis
Blakely, Alburn Jackson	Hamel, Henry	Peirce, Charles Caleb
Blanchard, Geo. Granville	Hume, James Bunyan	Plumado, Francis Hilar
Bowe, Edward Young,	Hunger, Frederick	Schneider, John
Celio, Carlo Gulseppi	Lohry, Adam	Theisen, John
Cooking, Stephen	Mack, George Franklin	Van Voorhies, Ralph Jos'h
Danz, Paul	Miller, Daniel Rice	—36.

## WITHDRAWN:

Broad, Charles	Chalmers, George	Wonderlich, John Peter—5.
Caystle, Thomas John	Murray, Nelson Henry	

## EXCLUDED:

Taghtmler, Frederick—1.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Crowder, Jeremiah Jackson—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....41	Withdrawn,.....5
Exalted,.....2—43.	Excluded,.....1
	Suspended non-payment of dues,. 1
	Now borne upon the roll,.....36—43.

## LIBANUS CHAPTER, No. 17.

Iowa Hill, Placer County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

John Floyd Van Divier, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Ross, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
James Jasper Rich, <i>King</i> ,	Willis Fish Gould, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Byron Carder, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Jonathan Mitchell Smith, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Truman Allen Stevens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Stemple, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Albert Parah Smiley, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Jones, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Green Wolfe, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Chester Hackett, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

William Clinton Rich,	James Ross,	John Floyd Van Divier.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barrett, Adams	Hyman, Samuel	Mill, William
Biabee, John Gould	Ingersoll, Darius	Mitchell, Edward
Butler, John	Jacobs, James Munroe	Mitchell, John Henry
Chinn, James Weeks	Jones, Owen	Schmitt, John
Christy, William	Juergensen, Peter Newlar	Smith, William
Coker, Gould Carlton	Just, John Peter	Spencer, Edward George
Develey, Henry K.	Lewis, Robert	White, William King—35.
Hammill, Henry		

## WITHDRAWN:

Cameron, William	Poole, William Whipple—2.
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## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....33	Withdrawn,.....2
Exalted,.....4—37.	New borne upon the roll,.....35—37.



## GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Crisp Coleman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas John Mitchell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Peter Johnston, <i>King</i> ,	Theodore Henry Wilhelm, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Alphonso Morehouse, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Champion, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Coleman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Walter Scott Stoddard, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Washington Hill, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Herman Uphoff, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Gordon Hudson, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Houston Whiting, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Alfred Barrett Dibble,	Alex'r Buchanan Brady,	Reuben Leach,
William McCormick,	Edward Coleman,	John Crisp Coleman.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Robert	Gad, Bernard	Noel, James Clymer
Andrews, James	Gluyas, James	Noonan, Patrick
Angove, John	Granger, Samuel	Pears, Joseph
Bennallack, James	Halleck, Joseph	Polglose, John
Berriman, Henry	Hand, William Dawson	Price, Briscoe Hugh
Binkelman, David	Hand, William Henry	Rhatigan, John
Boniviert, Paschal Joseph	Harris, Stephen Mitchell	Roberts, Edmund Wilson
Bryant, David	Hatch, Martin Payne,	Roland, Louis Jerome
Bryant, William Henry	Hooper, James	Sanders, John
Burnie, Alexander	Husom, Andrew	Saxon, Edward
Caddy, Richard	Jones, William C	Saxon, James
Catron, William	Kemp, Robert	Smith, Charles Woolson
Clift, William	Kendig, Daniel	Spencer, William Kenyon
Clough, Jonathan Converse	Lawrence, John	Stoddard, Alexander
Coombs, William	Long, Stephen	Stoddard, Orlando
Coombe, William	Lowrey, Richard Daniel	Stokes, William Charles
Crocker, John Ross	Majors, John Newton	Thompson, John Burns
Dorsey, John Jacob	Mitchell, William Henry	Vincent, George
Douglass, William	Mitchell, Charles Henry	Vogelman, Henry
Dunston, William	Moore, Stephen	Walker, Thomas Rolla
Fairhurst, Geo. Washington	Noel, Richard	Williams, Henry—80.
Fricot, Jules		

## RESTORED:

Smith, Charles Woolson—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Morgan, Gorge Frederick Godwin—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....77	Withdrawn,.....1
Exalted,.....3	Now borne upon the roll,....80—81.
Restored,.....1—81.	

**TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.****Weaverville, Trinity County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Harvey, <i>High Priest,</i>	John William Philbrook, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
John McMurry, <i>King,</i>	Joel Chilton Wood, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Spencer Lowden, <i>Scribe,</i>	Peter Paulsen, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Otto Vollmers, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Belty Essec, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Morris Franklin Griffin, <i>Secretary,</i>	David Harden, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
James Madison Pickett, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Henry Bremer, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

John Clifton Mason,	Wiley James Tinnin.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Black, Peter Paterson	Hosmer, Nelson	Rowles, James
Diener, Gottlieb Frederick	Lowden, Marshall Horace	Smiley, John Wesley
Eastman, Charles	Miller, Thomas Love	Smith, Champion W
Given, William Cushing	Musser, John	Van Matre, George
Haas, Gottlieb Frederick	Paulsen, Jacob	Whitehead, Adolph—31.
Harvey, Alfred	Raab, Louis	

**PAST MASTER:**

Anderson, Robert Lawrence—1.

**DIED:**

Goering, Charles John Augustus	Irwin, John Gwin—2.
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**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....30	Died,.....2
Exalted,.....3—33.	Now borne upon the roll.....31—33.

**FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.****Oroville, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thomas Callow, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wallace Chappell, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Charles Hart Wilcox, <i>King,</i>	John Carleton Gray, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Edmunds, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Featherstone, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Reizemond Parker, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Enoch Henry Pratt, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Arthur McDermott, <i>Secretary,</i>	Louis Wilhelm Hoops, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Louis Aaron Simon, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Constantine Mitchell, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Thomas Callow,	George Clement Perkins,	Thomas Jarett Jenkins,
Charles Fayette Lott,	Arthur McDermott,	George Henry Crossette.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bayles, David	Glass, Louis	Meredith, John Robert
Beall, John	Goodday, Louis	Mortimer, George
Bloch, Joseph	Grubbs, Richard Champion	Perkins, David King
Branscom, John	Hays, David Bright	Plum, Nathaniel Dunbar
Buchanan, Phil. Goodridge	Heintz, Thibaud	Powell, David
Burroughs, Charles	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock	Ruggles, Elijah Star
Butler, Charles Frederick	Hewitt, John Boughton	Shear, George
Byler, Eldridge Mallard	Hida, Jehu	Sprague, Frederick Adams
Davis, Edward Jennings	Hundley, Patrick Ogilby	Stearns, Amos Kies
Davis, Samuel Joshua	Hutchings, Thomas Boyd	Taber, Floyd
Dyer, George Washington	Lawson, Andrew Jackson	Wagner, Frank
Faulkner, Thomas	Logan, James Columbus	Wells, Michael Henry
Fleming, Thomas Robert	McDermott, William Patrick	Young, Henry G.—55.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Nelson, John—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....49	Suspended for non-paym't dues, 1
Exalted,..... 7—56.	Now borne upon the roll,.....55—56.

## SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.

Downieville, Sierra County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

William Thompson Luther, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Pauly, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Lewis Byington, <i>King</i> ,	James Brown Crooks, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Hiram George Weir, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George C. Martin, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Valentine Hartling, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Ryan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jacob Lewis, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Strange, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Peter Thatcher, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Henry Warner,	William Thompson Luther.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbe, George Henry	Gale, John	Stewart, Samuel Curtis
Bernhardt, Lewis	Hanley, William A.	Thom, Alexander
Blohm, John August	Jones, John Oscar	Thomas, Henry
Bradbury, John T.	Malone, Rowland Cusin	Wallis, Hiram Wilsey
Busch, August Christopher	McGregor, James	West, John Thorrensens
Clute, John Howard	McNaughton, James	Wilkins, William
Ellery, Henry, Jr.	Peacock, James Richard	Williams, Thomas—36.
Erschbacher, Franz Antoine	Ross, John	

## PAST MASTER:

Wayland, William Allen—1.

## RESTORED:

Stewart, Samuel Curtis    Thatcher, Peter—2.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Anderson, Andrew                      Picken, Alexander                      Shawness, John—4.  
Doud, Washington Cicero

**DIED:**

Berg, Joseph—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....39	Suspended for non-payment dues,.. 4
Restored, ..... 2—41.	Died, ..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll, ..... 36—41.

**PETALUMA CHAPTER, No. 22.**

*Petaluma, Sonoma County.*

*Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

Marcus Dyatheka Goshen, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Wm. McClymonds, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
William Barnabas Haskell, <i>King</i> ,	Thomas Robert Jacobs, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Alexander Lackey, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Roe Veale, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Zartman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Jesse C Wickersham, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Josiah Hor Crane, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Miles Henry Falkner, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Noah William Scudder, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	William Samuel Keays, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

James Singley,	Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,	Oscar Valentine Walker.
Thomas Jefferson Graham,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allen, William Thomas	Heineken, Herman Albert	Taft, Hiram Fayette
Baur, John	Kahn, Archille	Tempel, Conrad
Bean, Asahel Adams	Knowles, James Hulme	Thompson, Jefferson Asberry
Bihler, William	Lewis, John Bacon	Tomasini, Louis
Bowles, Joseph Martin	Merritt, John	Tomasini, Julian
Cavanagh, John	Moffit, John	Tomasini, Matteo
Christie, John Boyd	Pedrazzini, Louis	Walter, Isaac M
Oox, William Emery	Pierce, Abraham Jewell	Wiswell, Joseph Alonzo
Cox, William Edwin	Poehlmann, Conrad	Yoemans, Charles
Dreyfuss, Edward	Polk, Charles Ephraim	Young, Henry Joseph
Fairbanks, Hiram Tobbert	Rugg, William Hazen	Zook, Francis Kurtz—51.
Haubrick, Leonard	Schroyer, Aaron	

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:**

Bonetti, Luca—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Bayley, Alcander Alonzo      Wing, Daniel Swift—2.

**EXCLUDED:**

Schwartz, John—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....54—54.	Withdrawn, ..... 2
	Excluded, ..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll, ..... 51—54.

## OLIVER CHAPTER, No. 28.

Forest Hill, Placer County.

*Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

Joel Franklin Smith, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jacob Locke Welker, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
James Hodges, <i>King</i> ,	John Tikell, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Charles Trafton, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Abner W. Goff, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Thomas Norwood Hosmer, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Jacob Warwick Byrd, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Peyton Powell, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Abram Breece, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Hitchcock Dewey, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Louis Blumenthal, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Russell Parkhurst,

James Russell Glover.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Erskine	Hosmer, Daniel Mansfield	Volland, Christian
Allen, John E.	Huntley, Asahel	White, Walter Raleigh
Carter, John Franklin	Jones, John D.	Willard, Simeon Sylvester
Fast, John Henry Adolph	Lynd, Charles	Williams, Richard—26.

## EXCLUDED:

Davis, John Lloyd—1.

## DIED:

Cowden, Ambrose Hall—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....28—28.	Excluded,.....1
	Died,.....1
	Now borne upon the roll,.....26—28.

## LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.

Comptonville, Yuba County.

*Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

Richard Munt, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John George McLellan, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Frederick Mansur, <i>King</i> ,	Valentine Cook McMurray, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
William Alexander Meek, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Joseph Henry Fuller, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Josiah Perkins Brown, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Thomas Phillips, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Arthur Gardner Miller, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Richard Baker, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
David Calvin, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Peter Russell, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Josiah Perkins Brown,  
John George McLellan,

Richard Munt,

Valentine Cook McMurray.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Arnott, James	Gibson, William Walker	McLellan, Charles
Beaman, John Henry	Landecker, David Henry	Nelson, James
Covey, Eugene Beaucharnais	Marrow, Otis Nelson	Spencer, Stephen—22.
Elhas, Isaac		

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

O'Hara, Charles—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report..... 23—23.

Suspended for non-paym't dues, 1

Now borne upon the roll,..... 22—23.

## GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.

Georgetown, El Dorado County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Moon, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Solomon Adam Berry, <i>King</i> ,	De Witt Clinton Benjamin, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Edwin R Pease, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Frederick Largeson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Elijah Harper Watson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Isaac Priestly Jackson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Massimino Pedrini, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Henry Warren Russell, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	Henry Grove Maltby, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

William Roush,	Henry Warren Russell,	James Moon,
John Ernest Kunkler,	John Dodd Skinner,	Ellison Lassell Crawford.
Samuel Doncaster,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, William Carey	Dunahoo, Wm. Washington	Markle, John Alexander
Bassi, Giosni	Filippini, Rinaldo	McNevin, Henry Patrick
Carter, John Elliot	Fleishman, Jacob	Pedrini, Cipriano
Davidson, John Paul Jones	Jillson, Emmett	Spencer, Willis Eugene
Downs, John Loller	Jones, Thomas Edward	Wade, John—31.

## WITHDRAWN:

Hunter, George Washington—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report..... 32—32.

Withdrawn,..... 1

Now borne upon the roll,..... 31—32.

## OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 26.

Oakland, Alameda County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

James Todd Gardiner, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Raglan Glascock, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Albert Atwater McKeen, <i>King</i> ,	John Clark Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Charles Broad, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Peter Wunderlich, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Hirshberg, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Henry Troy, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Frank Howard Brooks, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Peter Baker, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Burt Clayton, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Alexander Gemmell, <i>Guard</i> .

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

**Past High Priests:**

Jeremiah Elkins Whitcher, Thatcher Peter Wales, William Burt Clayton.  
Benjamin Akerly,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Ayer, Isaac	Francis, Samuel	Marr, Archibald Campbell
Bennison, George Edward	Greenhood, Jacob	McKenzie, William Williams
Blair, George Washington	Haelke, Hellwig Leopold	Newsom, John J
Brooks, James Marcus	Hall, Joseph Lee	Nolan, Stephen
Burner, John Davies	Harwood, Wm. Douglass	Rasmussen, Hans
Chapman, Lemuel Gulliver	Henninger, Frederick	Reid, Charles Wood
Clark, Marion	Hill, William Henry	Reinstadtler, Francois
Conly, Charles	Hitchcock, Henry Elisha	Ruth, John
Cordes, Paul Henry	Janssen, Ernst F. George	Ryttenberg, Isaac Daniel
Delger, Frederick	Kennedy, William	Shattuck, Francis Kittridge
Dieves, Joseph	Kerr, Louis Carmick	Shiman, John Lewis
Estrada, Frederick	Lentell, James	Warner, Franklin
Everett, Daniel Henry	Lloyd, Robert	Williams, Marc Anthony
Evers, John Henry	Mann, Benjamin Franklin	Williams, Nicholas—59.
Farwell, George Elliott	Marsh, John Carleton	

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:**

Ferguson, Henry James—1.

**MARK MASTER:**

Simpson, George—1.

**RESTORED:**

Crane, William Watrous, Jr.—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Bolton, William	Cushing, Clinton	McClure, Stewart—5.
Crane, William Watrous, Jr.	Lamont, Thomas	

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Ayers, William Henry	Hillebrand, Henry	Snyder, Lyman Nutt
Cooms, Henry	Hobbs, Levit Moses	Van Voorhies, William—7.
Harlow, William Startevant		

**EXCLUDED:**

Marsh, Charles Pantier—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....68	Withdrawn,.....5
Affiliated,.....3	Suspended for non-paym't dues, 7
Restored,.....1—72.	Excluded,.....1
	Now borne upon the roll,.....59—72.

**RETURNED IN 1879 AS EXCLUDED, AND SINCE SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES, BY THE CHAPTER:**

Carleton, George Henry	Grosse, William Constantine
Cunningham, Patrick James.	

**REPORTED EXCLUDED LAST YEAR, AND SINCE EXPELLED BY LIVE OAK LODGE, NO. 61:**

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**DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.****Auburn, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Thompson Kinkade, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Robert Winders, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Edward Frederick Holle, <i>King,</i>	Adrian Storie Whittemore, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
George Wallace Applegate, <i>Scribe,</i>	Benj. Dolaney Dunnam, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Orrin Whitcomb Hollenbeck, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Wm. Wallace Severance, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
David Wlademer Lubeck, <i>Secretary,</i>	Matts Sundholm, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Charles John Hellwig, <i>Captain of Host,</i>	Robert William Roberts, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

John Riggs Crandall,	Charles John Hellwig,	John Thompson Kinkade,
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Barter, William	Fulweiler, John Matthias	Phillips, Joseph Eva
Borland, James	Griffith, Griffith	Predmore, Gera Bretton
Burchard, James Philo	Harper, Thomas Burrill	Rusing, Edward S
Coleman, Timothy	Ketchum, Marvin	Schuetze, Albert Henry
Connor, John Michael	Levison, Isidor	Schuetze, Wm. Frederick
Curl, Louis	Lux, Francis Antone	Shackleton, Edgar Levering
Curtis, Henry Crittenden	McBride, John	Shepherd, Harper Michael
Dickinson, Thomas	Mullen, William Henry	Smith, Edward Guy
Ertle, John	Phillips, Jas. Penrhye M.	Taylor, John Nay—40.

**PAST MASTER:**

Mears, Josiah—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :**

Pratt, Jonathan Davis	Waldron, Mahlon	Wardwell, Jarius Vespasian
Stonecipher, Isaac		—4.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....43	Suspended for non-payment dues, 4
Affiliated,..... 1—44.	Now borne upon the roll,.....40—44

**STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.****Stockton, San Joaquin County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Isaac Lothrop, <i>High Priest,</i>	Frederick Macondray West, <i>Prin. Soj.,</i>
Doran L Campbell, <i>King,</i>	William Samuel Buckley, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
John Allen Hosmer, <i>Scribe,</i>	Henry Ephriam Robbins, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Richards Hedges, <i>Treasurer,</i>	William Brace Harrison, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Lemuel Elisha Lyon, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Newton Woods, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Henry Coffin Shaw, <i>Captain of Host,</i>	John Robert Scott Jackson, <i>Guard,</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne.	Thomas Kent Hook,	Geo. Alex. McKenzie.
Edward Richards Hedges.	Alexander Chalmers,	



## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bargion, Peter	Fyfe, Joseph	Paulk, Charles Cyrus
Barnes, Harvey Stevens	Gardner, Thomas M	Peters, Joseph D
Belding, Charles	Graham, William	Phelps, Joseph Larose
Berry, Frederick T	Harrold, Nathaniel Siggona	Ranney, Sullivan
Bond, Morris Hartwell,	Hickman, Edward	Requa, James Edgar
Brown, Philip Thomas	Hildreth, George Francis	Scott, Edward
Brutschy, Charles	Hodgkins, Henry	Shurtleff, George Augustas
Caine, John	Hughes, Henry John	Smith, George Falkenb'h
Castle, Christ'r Champlin,	Jamieson, And. Robertson	Stewart, Frank
Cavis, Joseph Mills	Jockers, David	Stockton, Elias Alonzo
Daniels, James Moore	Kingsley, Charles Nichols	Swain, Cornelius
Eldridge, Edward Duane	Kirkland, William	Taylor, Hugh Woodruff,
Evans, George Spofford,	Langford, Benj. Franklin	Tilghman, George
Fanning, Howard Malcomb	Milco, Nicola	Thompson, John William
Fraser, Philip Barry	Misener, Norman Sumner	Tucker, Frederick Man
French, Abel Claypool P.	Orr, Nelson Mills	Vance, John Anderson—64.

## RESTORED:

Brown, Philip Thomas—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Wright, John Bascomb—1.

## DIED:

Wasley, John—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....	59	Withdrawn,.....	1
Exalted,.....	6	Died,.....	1
Restored,.....	1—66.	Now borne upon the roll,.....	64—66.

## MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.

North San Juan, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Storer McBride, <i>High Priest,</i>	Frank Napoleon Morris, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Anson Burlingame Swan, <i>King,</i>	John Trood, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Dunning, <i>Scribe,</i>	Jas. Lamberton McIntire, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Ambrose Seely, <i>Treasurer,</i>	John German, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Elon White, <i>Secretary,</i>	Aphek Lorenzo Woodruff, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Chas. Edward Lancaster, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Joseph Gordon Dickson, <i>Guard.</i>

## Past High Priests:

John Ambrose Seely,

John Storer McBride.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Atwater, Henry	Bristow, William	Furth, Simon
Ayer, Leonard Barney	Cadwallader, Niram	Germiquet, Louis Adolph
Bank, Frederick William	Chisholm, James	Harris, Thomas
Bell, Vincent George	Courter, Henry Farley	Hawley, Oscar Franklin
Billing, John	Oull, Henry	Helwig, John Henry
Buhring, Louis	Cunard, James Henry	Henderson, Duncan
Butler, Patrick Henry	Davis, William Morgan	Hickman, John Clayborne
Bremond, Camille Gustave	Freeman, Thomas	Huff, William

Inder, Job Staples	Morgan, John Thomas	Spooner, George Cummings
Jepsen, Christian Otto	Netter, Nathan	Stone, John
Jepsen, Jacob	Noblet, William Berry	Stokes, David
Lewellyn, Daniel	Pascoe, Erasmus	Thomas, Richard
Lisson, Richard Samuel	Phillips, Reubin	Treanor, James McWade
McCullough, James	Reddington, James	Trood, William
McMurray, Robert	Rich, Henry Hudson	Tucker, Joseph Bernard
McCoy, John	Scheuerman, Charles	Williams, William William

—60.

PAST MASTERS:

Harris, Jarred Junius Jones, William Arthur—2.

DIED:

Fitter, John Powell, Reginald—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report, ..... 57	Died, ..... 2
Exalted, ..... 5—62.	Now borne upon the roll, ..... 60—62.

NAPA CHAPTER, No. 30.

Napa, Napa County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.*

OFFICERS:

Henry Hay Knapp, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Bradford, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Beebe Robinson, <i>King</i> ,	Daniel Burrell Parks, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Burt Eliphas Wooley, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Andrews, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Peter Van Bever, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Frederick Fisher, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
David Leopold Haas, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Robert Crouch, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Ray Gritman, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	Amos Smith Knapp, <i>Guard</i> .

Past High Priests:

Henry Hay Knapp,	Ralph Ellis,	William Bradford.
Robert Crouch,		

ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Amstutz, Henry Louis	Greer, Thomas	Shaw, Matthew
Briggs, Sebra	Haas, Martin Luther	Shurtleff, Benjamin
Brown, Jacob Barry	Hawks, John	Smith, William C. Schenck
Carver, Dimsdill Burr	Hoover, John	Sterling, Robert Henry
Corwin, Louis Marion	Horstmeyer, Henry Conrad	Tucker, Nion Robert
Davis, James Richardson	Miller, Francis Ashbury	Walker, Calvin Bowers
Drysdale, Jas. Summerfield	Sampson, Andrew	Wines, Charles Buckley
Ellis, Frederick Plummer	Sayward, James Wheaton	Zollner, John Ferdinand
Gattleson, Henry	Schoenewald, George	—39.

MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Bustelli, Gottardo—1.

EXCLUDED:

Mecklenberg, Joseph—1.

SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Everts, Charles Nichols Ford, George Wellman—2.

RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report, ..... 40	Excluded, ..... 1
Affiliated, ..... 2—42.	Suspended for non-paym't dues, 2
	Now borne upon the roll, ..... 39—42.

**MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 31.****Martinez, Contra Costa County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Thomas Allen Brown, <i>High Priest,</i>	Isidor Weiss, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer, <i>King,</i>	William Henry Buckley, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Simon Blum, <i>Scribe,</i>	Solomon Newberger, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Morrill Hale, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Bernard Borach, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Atwood Sherman, <i>Secretary,</i>	John Tucker, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Eli Robbin Chase, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Franz Joseph Zifferer, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Thomas Allen Brown,	William Morrill Hale,	Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer.
Hiram Mills,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Baldwin, Barry	Girvan, William	Shreeve, Benjamin
Brown, Warren	Gray, James	Slitz, John
Carter, Thomas Orlando	Lambert, Hiram	Tours, Jacobus
Compton, William	Moore, John Adams	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Douglas, William John	O'Brien, John Conlin	Wall, George
Fernandez, Bernardo	Rankin, James	Walker, James Toumay
Fouch, John Franklin	Ruggles, Chas. Augustus	Wiggins, George
Gallagher, Henry Clay	Sheppard, Mark	Wright, George Creighton

—37.

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:**

De Witt, James Madison—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Hard, Roswell Burt	Mathews, Felix A	Troy, John Henry—3.
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**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Bennett, George J—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....40	Withdrawn,.....3
Affiliated,.....1—41.	Suspended for non-payment dues, 1
	Now borne upon the roll,.....37—41.

**LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 33.****Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.***Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Hinds, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas Edwin Rowan, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
James Seth Crawford, <i>King,</i>	Edward Fallis Spence, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Granville Quincy Stewart, <i>Scribe,</i>	Eldridge Edward Hewitt, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Meyer, <i>Treasurer,</i>	George Rawson Butler, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Samuel Prager, <i>Secretary,</i>	Michael Levy, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Henry Sayre Orme, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Herman Neidecken, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Abraham Wolf Edelman, Francis Pliny Fiske Temple, Samuel Prager.  
Henry Sayre Orme,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Alexander, Henry Nash	Ducommon, Charles Louis	Long, Jerry
Allen, Gabriel	Flanigan, Thomas Joseph	McLellan, Geo. Frederick
Barrows, Henry Dwight	Gross, Frederick	Melton, William Jasper
Baruch, Berthold	Grymes, George Anderson	Morris, Moritz
Baruch, Jacob	Hammel, Henry	Narbonne, Nath'l Andrew
Bennett, Silas	Hitchcock, Elijah Benton	Pearson, Richmond C
Bragg, Ansel Melin	Jackson, Robert Everett	Porter, Theo. Cunningham
Brooks, Daniel William	Jacobs, Lewis	Reynolds, John Jefferson
Buffum, William Mansfield	Jacoby, Herrman	Ryan, Andrew William
Bruning, Henry Nicholas	Jaeger, Lewis J F	Ryan, Michael Edward
Brunson, Anson	Kidd, Wm. Henry Archibald	Salisbury, John Caleb
Campbell, Al. Melancthon	Lambie, William Thomas	Well, Jacob
Carter, Julius Munson	Lambourne, Frederick	Weston, Benjamin S
Denker, Andrew Henry	Loew, Jacob	Yapp, Frederick George
Downey, John Gately		—57.

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:**

Russell, Henry T—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Cohen, Solomon	Leake, Edward	Meyerstein, Herman
Craigue, Solon William	Lecouvreux, Frank	Portugal, Adolph—6.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Bassett, James Madison	Scally, Thomas	Spratt, James W—4.
Salter, Anton		

**SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT:**

Foy, Samuel Calvert—1.

**DIED:**

Thompson, Peter—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....69—69.	Withdrawn,..... 6
	Suspended for non-payment dues... 4
	Suspended for unmasonic conduct, 1
	Died,..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll,.....57—69.

**ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 84.**

**La Porte, Plumas County.**

*Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

Charles Oliver McQuestion, <i>High Priest,</i>	Roderick Sutherland, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
William Davis Thorn, <i>King,</i>	Gilbert McDonald, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Carr McFarland, <i>Scribe,</i>	Mortimer Worton, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Mark Schofield, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Dixon Brabban, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Alexander Brown, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Benjamin Jacob Sammons, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Aaron Lorenzo Dwinel, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Abel McFarland,	Maxwell Gaddis Hill,	Thomas Alonzo McFarland,
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes,		

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Chittenden, Henry Hatfield	Douglass, John	Schofield, Miles
Clough, Greenleaf Greeley	Hendel, Charles William	Schultz, John Frederick
Cox, George Washington	Lloyd, John Preston	Small, Jacob
Dempster, James	McLeod, George	Smith, Charles
Descombes, Francis	Patterson, Robert Pagan	Thomas, John Hiram—30.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Robson, August Frederick	Ward, William—2.
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## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report, .....32—32.	Suspended for non-payment dues, 2
	Now borne upon the roll, .....30—32.

## NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 35.

Vallejo, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Mattison Myers, <i>High Priest,</i>	James Roney, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Frank Douglas Mead, <i>King,</i>	Ensign Kimball Holmes, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Roland Jackson McDaniel, <i>Scribe,</i>	Alex. Bertsch Bertoskey, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Edward Thompson Starr, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Oren Hartwell Butler, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Charles Daly, <i>Secretary.</i>	James Howland Jordon, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Jonathan Bond, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Thompson, <i>Guard.</i>

## Past High Priests:

John Mills Browne,	Alex. Hopkins Hichborn,	Frank Douglas Mead,
Mattison Myers,	George Fayette Mallett,	James Roney.
Osgood Hilton,	Charles Daly,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aden, Remmer Joh'n Rem's Frey, John	Perkins, Alonzo
Aden, John Remmers	Phillips, James
Aden, Melchert Remmers	Plaisted, George Pomroy
Anderson, Henry	Pelham, Alexander
Benas, Benjamin	Powell, Abraham
Brown, Roswell Homer	Robinson, Jno. Buckingham
Brownlie, John	Rogers, David William
Bruce, Henry	Ross, David Campbell
Carter, William	Rothenbush, Peter
Chandler, Robert	Rounds, George
Clausen, August Ernst	Rutherford, David
Clark, William Henry	Sailor, John Henry
Crowley, Thomas Jefferson	Sides, George Elvin
Dare, John Thomas	Savage, Thomas
Drake, Frank	Shillingsburg, William
Drake, Franklin Jeremiah	Smith, John Daniel
Edgcombe, Joseph Collins	Snow, Hiram King
Farley, Dallas Jones	Spencer, John Abram
Fassett, Thomas Odeon	Thomas, John
Faust, John	Titcomb, John Locke
	Passallaqua, Bennaditto
	McCool, Daniel Miller
	McLees, Edmund
	McPike, Andrew Jackson
	Morse, Charles Alonzo
	McCobb, Abiel Henry
	Little, Samuel
	Laviere, Frank
	Lister, Benjamin
	Hilborn, Samuel Greely
	Higson, Frederick Delmer
	Harrier, Daniel Webster
	Haskins, Enoch William
	Hallen, Christian Theo. B.
	Haas, Solomon Leon
	Gottschalk, Charles
	Garland, Frank

Teothaker, Harv'y Puringt'n West, Daniel	Wilson, William Oason
Topley, James	Whitman, Russell
Tripp, William Henry	Willats, Edward Albert
Voorhees, Albert Parsons	Williams, Robert Adrian
Wall, Charles John	Williston, John Edward
	Wright Gilbert Lafayette
	Wright, Martin Jeremiah

—91.

**RESTORED:**

Wright, Gilbert Lafayette—1. Irving, Andrew Kerr Taylor, Byron Isaac—2.

**EXPELLED:**

Denio, Cyrenius Blackman—1.

**EXCLUDED:**

Grove, Charles—1.

**DIED:****RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report, .....92	Excluded,..... 2
Exalted, ..... 2	Expelled,..... 1
Restored, ..... 1—95.	Died, ..... 1
	Now borne upon the roll, .....91—95.

**ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 36.****Oakland, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS :**

George Edwin Whitney, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Johnson Porter, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Edward Edmund Potter, <i>King</i> ,	Horace Dodge Ranlett, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Bezaleel Merritt Atchinson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Frank Bequette Rodolph, <i>Muster 3d Vail</i> ,
Charles Henri Frederic Braun, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Alpheus Kendall, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Edward Ingola, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Ernest Alvah Heron, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Frank Worthy Cushing, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Alfred Septimas Baker, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Alpheus Fuller Williams,	Walter Laidlaw,	Frank Worthy Cushing,
Nathan Weston Spaulding	William Addison Walter	John Barton Harden.
James Dods,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allardt, George Frederick	Cunningham, Parlan R	Haslehurst, William
Antisell, Thomas Murphy	Cushing, John	Healey, Jesse
Ball, Ambrose Everett	Cutting, James Ripley	Irwin, Harry Frost
Banks, Charles Wells	Davis, Charles Edmund	Kutz, George Fitzgerald
Bartlett, Pliny	Dusinbury, Myr. Thompson	La Grange, Oscar Hugh
Benton, John Elliot	Elliott, Washington	Lamping, Peter A
Boone, William Ely	Emery, Joseph Stickney	Lancaster, Joseph
Bones, Samuel West	Everson, Wallace	Loring, George York
Borland, Archibald	Foulkes, James Franklin	Mastick, Joseph Wood
Bradley, John Tilford	Gaskill, Rollin Corralna	McClure, David
Bragdon, Edmund, Jr.	Gordon, Jas. Smith Gilman	McGillivray, Joseph
Brigham, Frank Eugene	Greenman, Harmon	McGuire, Jesse Milton
Bruce, Samuel James	Hamilton, Laurentine	Metcalf, George Dickson
Burrell, Alfred William	Hamilton, William Thomas	Miller, William Noble
Collier, John Henry	Harmon, John Brown	Miller, Peter
Collins, Albert William	Haven, Charles Dwight	Monnet, Louis

Moore, Albert Alphonso	Rutherford, Chas. Board'n	Underwood, Henry Dayton
O'Bairne, Joseph Francis	Sessions, Edward Cathcart	Van Dyke, Walter
Palmer, Charles Theo. Hart	Sherman, William	Walker, George Russell
Palmer, Cassius Clay	Shorey, Albert	Walker, Edward Emery
Pardee, Enoch Homer	Skinner, Isaac Ash	Walton, Jesse
Patterson, George	Taggart, Grantham Israel	Ward, Robert
Phillips, John Waterman	Thomas, William Robert	Watson, John Braddock
Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil	Tibbals, John Sherman	Williams, Robert Neal
Rector, Ludlow James	Tubbs, Hiram	Wilson, William
Reichling, Francis	Twombly, Charles Henry	Winchester, John Packer

—96.

## PAST MASTER:

Brower, John Daniel—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Knickerbocker, Niles—1.

## EXCLUDED:

Burleson, Charles Myron—1.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Farrington, Elvin Dunn

Graham, William Morrow—2.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report, . . . . .96	Withdrawn, . . . . . 1
Exalted, . . . . . 2	Excluded, . . . . . 1
Affiliated, . . . . . 2—100.	Suspended for non-paym't of dues, 2
	Now borne upon the roll, . . . . .96—100.

## SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.

Colfax, Placer County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Jacob Hart Neff, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Elias Lowe McClure, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas Boden, <i>King</i> ,	Thornton King, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Leopold Lobner, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Wanton Alfred Himes, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Barrows Hayford, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Samuel Edward Swensson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Morris Lobner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Leland Cajew, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Bainbridge Storey, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	William Swift Makins, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Jacob Hart Neff, *P. G. H. P.*

Alexander Gibson Oliver.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allen, Lorenzo Thomas	Holmes, James	Provan, William
Bradley, Elisha Lafayette	Johnson, Gusta's Adolphus	Rathburn, John Bell
Cloudman, Octavius King	Kopp, Charles Mann	Ritchie, John William
Coffin, Isaac Tibbits	Lekamp, John Henry	Rogers, Joseph
Disque, Henry	Lohman, Peter	Rooney, Robert Flemming
Ells, Henry	Murphy, Bernard	Sara Richard
Eschbach, David Meyer	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson	Thomas, John Young
Gilbert, Timothy Andrew	Osborn, Robert Smith	Thomas, Ephraim Mariner
Graham, Robert Hill	Osborn, Watson Brown	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins
Hayford, James Barrows	Oliver, William Gibson	Vincent, Nicholas
Hodgdon, James Peverly	Peden, Albert Oliver	Voss, Louis—46.

**PAST MASTER:**

Marx, Charles—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....42      Now borne upon the roll,.....46—46.  
 Exalted, ..... 3  
 Affiliated, ..... 1—46.

**SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 38.**

Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Louis Schwartz, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas Amner, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Frank George Menefee, <i>King,</i>	Edward Swift West, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Samuel Drennan, <i>Scribe,</i>	Richard Moses Garratt, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Richard Thompson, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Henry Skinner, <i>Secretary,</i>	Thomas Brooks Groome, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Peter Richmond Hinds, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	William Henry Bias, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Peter Richmond Hinds,      Louis Schwartz.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Adams, Frederick	Fagan, Pierce Bye	Lynch, James Sedgwick
Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Gilchrist, Adam	McKiernan, Charles
Chace, John Day	Handy, Forrest Nelson	Mix, Edward Henry
Cummings, William Nelson	Hall, Richard Harrison	Place, George Washington
Daubenbiss, John	Hinds, David	Staeffler, George
Ely, William	Kilburn, Fred'k Augustus	Weis, Bernhard
Fitch, Edwin	Lincoln, Charles Henry	Williams, Edward Lawrence

—38.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Perkey, Frederick George—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Smith, James Morgan—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report, ..... 30      Withdrawn, ..... 1  
 Exalted, ..... 4      Suspended for non-payment dues, 1  
 Affiliated, ..... 1—35.      Now borne upon the roll, ..... 33—35.



**DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.****Truckee, Nevada County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Fayette McGlashan, *High Priest*, Joseph Dearborn Hilton, *Prin. Sojourner*,  
 Wilson Shannon Dixon, *King*, Thomas Maria Bittancourt, *R. Arch Capt.*,  
 James Wellington Hoy, *Scribe*, George Schaffer, *Master 3d Vail*,  
 Hiram Whitehead Roberts, *Treasurer*, David Walter Leach, *Master 2d Vail*,  
 Joseph Marzen, Jr., *Secretary*, Frank Rabel, *Master 1st Vail*,  
 Michael Luxenburger, *Capt. of the Host*, Russell Hunter Chandler, *Guard*.

**Past High Priests:**

Charles Fayette McGlashan, William Joab Shinn, Jehu Davis Park.  
 Elle Ellen,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Brickell, Edward John	Giffen, George Washington	Nichols, Albert S
Buckley, John Mason	Graham, Andrew Jackson	Ogilvie, David
Campbell, William Baker	Harris, Jacob	Peck, Nelson Stanley
Cullen, Thomas	Hauton, Daniel	Reanda, Giulio
Davis, Jonathan	Hill, William Henry	Richardson, George Wash.
De Bernardi, Julius	Hutchinson, John T	Richardson, Warren
Doan, Latimer Emery	Jacquel, Julien	Scribner, Samuel
Douglas, John	Jenkins, Samuel R	Stirling, James
Dunn, Henry George	Jessett, William	Trott, Charles Cornelius
Dunster, George William	Joesink, Bern. Hendricus	Watson, William Myron
Forsyth, Thomas	Johnson, Hogan	Weed, Abner
Frates, Frank	Marzen, Joseph	Wood, George—53.
Gaylord, Eben Hills	Morrison, William	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Bacon, Benjamin Franklin Merrill, Harvey Royal, George—3.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....53      Withdrawn, ..... 8  
 Exalted,..... 2      Now borne upon the roll,..... 53—56.  
 Affiliated,..... 1—56.

**RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.****Red Bluff, Tehama County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Adoniram Judson Loomis, *High Priest*, Robert Hurd Blossom, *Prin. Sojourner*,  
 Jerome Banks, *King*, Henry Charles Richart, *Royal Arch Capt.*,  
 Nathan Crocker, *Scribe*, John Clements, *Master 3d Vail*,  
 William Brewer Cahoon, *Treasurer*, John Chapman Volantine, *Master 2d Vail*,  
 Horace Allen Mayhew, *Secretary*, Curtis Durkee Ballard, *Mas. 1st Vail*,  
 Herman H'y Wiendieck, *Capt. of the Host*, Samuel Lewis, *Guard*.

**Past High Priests:**

Adoniram Judson Loomis,

John Clements.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Alvord, Charles Theodore	Hansen, Hans	Roberts, James Bartle
Campbell, Remembrance H.	Houghton, Francis	Schoenfeld, Solomon David
Campbell, Charles Abijah	Kingsley, George Leeman	Schoenfeld, Jeremiah
Cone, Joseph Spencer	Merrill, Nathaniel	Schroeder, Aug. G. Barnhart
Copeland, Hosmer Curtis	Miller, Francis	Swain, Theodore Steven
DeHaven, Jehiel Smith	Parker, William Boyd	Tyler, Jonathan Cooper
DeHaven, Jos. Lapsley G'd	Posner, Max	Wadsworth, Silas Maraden
Fish, Charles Erskine	Puls, George	Welton, Lamson Scoville
Gedney, David Wetmore	Rawson, Hiram Allen	Williams, Manly Delos—41.
Griggs, Sidney Allen	Reiser, Ellis	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Galland, Joseph Barnett—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Beecher, Gustavus Winfield	Healey, Lucien Bonaparte	Thomas, Samuel S
Cadwallader, Charles	Ryan, Thomas R	Vestal, Frank A
Conkling, Joseph G	Sayer, Edwin Weaver	Wilson, Henry Clay—9.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....51—61.	Withdrawn,..... 1
	Suspended for non-paym't dues, 9
	Now borne upon the roll,..... 41—61.

**TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 41.**

Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Martin Rodgers, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William George Hudson, <i>Prin. Sejourner</i> ,
James Waters, <i>King</i> ,	James La Fayette Halsted, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
George Arthur Trafton, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Martin Phelan, <i>Master 3d Vall</i> ,
John Nelson Beese, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Bela Sargent Andrews, <i>Master 2d Vall</i> ,
Charles Lewis Thomas, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Hans Peter Brassel, <i>Master 1st Vall</i> ,
Frank Aldridge, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Lewis Allen See, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

James Martin Rogers,	William George Hudson,	John Nelson Beese.
James Waters,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Craig, Andrew	Jones, Columbus Charles
Aldrich, David Medcalf	Flint, Thomas	Landrum, Wm. Merrimon
Blankenship, James Allen	Fowler, Charles	Linscott, James Austin
Brewington, Geo. Hamilton	Friermuth, Hervy Weston	Martin, Enoch James
Brown, James Hiram	Gagnon, Michael	Mauk, Edwin Franklin
Brown, John Bernard	Goldwater, Julius Abraham	Mitchell, Charles Edward
Chalmers, Alexander	Greenbaum, William	Moffatt, Thomas
Chapman, Jere. Sheldon	Ingham, James	Morris, Moses

Mynatt, Elvin Farran  
Payne, John Sidney  
Porter, John Thomas

Rea, Samuel  
Reeve, Henry Francis  
Trafton, John Edmond

West, Henry Edgar  
Williamson, William—44.

**RESTORED:**

Lyster, Henry—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Brownstone, David

Lyster Henry—2.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Card, George Boardman  
Rea, James William

Stroud, Tracy

Warner, Henry Conrad—4.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....47

Withdrawn,..... 2

Exalted,..... 2

Suspended non-payment of dues, 4

Restored,..... 1—50.

Now borne upon the roll, .....44—50.

**CHICO CHAPTER, No. 42.**

*Chico, Butte County.*

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

Albert Judson Gifford, *High Priest*,  
John Rose Robinson, *King*,  
William Daniel Heath *Scribe*,  
Andrew Hill Crew, *Treasurer*,  
James Davison, *Secretary*,  
Robert Emmet Warren, *Capt. of Host*,  
Cyrus Greenleaf Warren, *Prin. Sojourner*,

Rochester York Rundel, *R. A. Captain*,  
Edward Cuyler Nichols, *Master 3d Vail*,  
Hiram Treat Batchelder, *Master 2d Vail*,  
William Leroy Bradley, *Master 1st Vail*,  
Jesse Wood, *Chaplain*,  
William Duncan King, *Guard*.

**Past High Priests:**

Charles Louis Pond,  
Rufus Mycagah Cochran,

Carnot Courtland Mason,  
Robert Emmet Warren,

Charles Faulkner.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Bidwell, Abram B  
Bidwell, John  
Boucher, Josiah  
Breed, Levi Newton  
Chapman, Augustus Harley  
Colby, Gilbert Winslow  
Daniels, Samuel  
Decker, James Madison  
Dodson, Thomas Hulen  
Durham, Wm. Wellington  
Durham, George Waddell  
Garner, John Mortimer  
Graves, Fountain Columbus  
Guynn, Pleasant Marion

Hansen, Lauritz  
Haughton, Jos. Richardson  
Hibbard, Albert A  
Holbrook, Charles Henry  
Holmes, Henry Preston  
Hoole, Edward  
Hubbs, Benjamin Albert  
Jackson, Frank Mason  
Jones, Benjamin Franklin  
Leininger, Obadiah  
McIntosh, Lewis Harrison  
Miller, Charles Alton  
Mitchell, James Ewing  
Montgomery, J.W. Bradford

Nelson, Charles Anderson  
Noonan, Jerry Childs  
Papst, Albert  
Papst, Charles James  
Sawyer, Alexander  
Shand, George  
Springer, Watson King  
Stevens, Warren Charles  
Turner, John Alphonso  
Turner, John Calvin  
Turner, William Tomes  
Van Woert, William  
Walraven, Garrett Wells  
Wetherbee, Ira Alston—59.

**RESTORED:**

Clark, James Birney

Holbrook, Charles Henry—2.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Clark, James Birney

Young, Alexander—2.

**EXCLUDED:**

Elliott, John Patrick—1.

**DIED:**

Bennett, Isaac Rugg—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....	61	Withdrawn,.....	2
Restored,.....	2—63.	Excluded,.....	1
		Died,.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll,.....	59—63.

**SOLANO CHAPTER, No. 43.**

Suisun, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Joseph Fairbanks Wendell, *High Priest*, Freeman Hunnewell, *Principal Sojourner*,  
 James Munroe Vance, *King*, Abner Elias Charles, *Royal Arch Captain*,  
 Daniel McCreary, *Scribe*, William Leithead, *Master 3d Vall*,  
 Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, *Treasurer*, Henry Harris, *Master 2d Vall*,  
 William Kimball Hoyt, *Secretary*, Marcus Weinberger, *Master 1st Vall*,  
 Allen Charles Miller, *Captain of the Host*, William Gustavus Davisson, *Guard*.

**Past High Priests:**

Stephen Kirby Nurse, Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, Eben Dorman Perkins.  
 Joseph Fairbanks Wendell, Allen Charles Miller,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Bauman, Jacob Henry	Hoyt, George Adolphus	Pine, Charles Andrew
Capell, James Smith	Hoyt, Julien Buel	Reeves, Columbus Palestine
Cerkel, Wolf	Jones, Joseph Pickle	Reeves, Duke Davis
Chapman, Aiddeline L	Lockie, John Albert	Robbins, Buel Drinkwater
Coghlan, Oscar Rapier	Miller, Meredith Rains	Robinson, John
Dinkelspiel, Adolph	Moore, Arthur	Smith, Sampson
Emigh, Thomas Powell	Morris, Samuel Anthony	Stewart, Samuel
Gardner, George Gordon	Pietzockie, Marsell	Stephens, William Bell—39.
Gettier, Charles Peter		

**EXCLUDED:**

Marston, Jeremiah Hobbs—1.

**DIED:**

Stamper, Joseph Wolf—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....	40	Excluded .....	1
Exalted,.....	1—41.	Died .....	1
		Now borne upon the roll,.....	39—41.

**VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.****Visalia, Tulare County.***Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Robert Chidley Broder, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Theodore Bacigalupi, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John William Crowley, <i>King</i> ,	William Harland, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Richard Hubbard Stevens, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Edward Denny, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Julius Jacob Mack, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Isaac Monroe Harter, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Oscar Stephanus Johnson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Richard Chatten, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Albon Eugene Hall, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Alpha Hayden Glasscock, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Andrew Henderson Broder,	Robert Chidley Broder.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Baker, Martin	Gilroy, Launcelot	Touhy, John
Brower, Celsus	Guggenheim, Leon	Tracy, Perus Sprague
Crowley, Green Berry	Hackett, Henry	Ward, Joseph Clarence
Davison, Israel	Hockett, John Benjamin	Wells, Morgan James
Eaton, Mathew	Henry, Albert Reece	Wells, John Thomas
Elkins, Abiel	Nelson, Swan Peter	Wingfield, Charles Rosseau
Earey, Justin	Russell, William Alex.	Wood, Edward Powers—34.

**RESTORED:**

Byrd, Pleasant	Murray, Abram Hunter—2.
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**WITHDRAWN:**

Berry, James Clark	Murray, Abram Hunter	Smith, George Welworth
Byrd, Pleasant	Parker, Basil Gaither	Stoneman, Finis Ewing—7.
Kelly, Thomas Almareno		

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Parker, Jeremiah—1.
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**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....39	Withdrawn.....7
Affiliated .....1	Suspended for N. P. D.....1
Restored .....2-42.	Now borne upon roll.....34-42.

**SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.****Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Elijah Thompson Farmer, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Acton, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
John Ripley Wright, <i>King</i> ,	Francis Marion Caldwell, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
John McCullough White, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Bird Sidney Young, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Prindle, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Charles Loraine Phelps, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Augustus Hoffer, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Ernst August Seegelken, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Augustus Leander Fisher, <i>C. of the Host</i> ,	Martin Van Buren Vanderhoof, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Elijah Thompson Farmer,

Robert Press Smith, Jr.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Appleton, Wellington	Griggs, Joseph Henry	Neblett, Edward
Baxter, Thomas Phipps	Griggs, William Benjamin	Nelson, Alfred
Bean, Charles Henry	Grindle, Joshua	Oliver, John Salter
Bloom, Jonas	Halling, Frederick	Overton, Albert Perry
Bond, William Hammet	Harris, Jacob	Park, David Harrison
Berka, John	Hasting, James O	Park, Alvah W
Brown, Samuel	Holmes, Chas. Hazelwood	Percival, Walter O
Bruegge, Herman Fred. O	Holmes, Henderson Phineas	Ross, Henry J
Buckland, Leonard Harris'n	Hoover, Abram	Russell, Henry Davis
Burris, David	Hughes, John	Sink, Reuben Henry
Byrweas, John Carroll	Ink, Walter Payne	Speller, George
Dalton, Thomas Benton	Jackson, Ed. Newton Barn's	Spencer, Byron M
Dana, Alfred Wadsworth	Keneday, George Henry	Stoddard, Joel
Davis, Elisha Lacy	Korbel, Anton Francis	Stoddard, William
Davis, Milo Smith	Label, Herman	Straney, Francis Marion
Davison, Daniel D.	Legg, Amos	Strom, William
Dozier, Linwood	Lindberg, John Peter	Taylor, John Shackelford
Duncan, James P	Lord, Thomas	Thompson, Robt. Augu's, Jr.
Elliott, William Ross	Maddux, Lorenzo Dow	Walker, John
Etinghausen, Wm. Adams	McConnell, William Elliot	Warren, Francis Edward
Farmer, Christ'er Columb's	McConochie, Robert	Wilkes, George Washington
Pickas, Adam	McCormack, Wm. Andrew	Wilton, Thomas G
Fulkerson, Theodorus S.	McCrodan, James	Wood, Benjamin Seawell
Fulkerson, Richard	McCallam, Alexander	Wright, Joseph
Gannon, James	McIlmoil, John	Wright, James Madison
Gleason, Cyrus Sidney	McMinn, John	Wright, James California
Glynn, Francis Jerome B.	Murdock, Lewis Anthony	—93.

**RESTORED:**

Thornton, George Alexander—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Fitzgerald, Adolphus Leigh      Gordon, James Burns      Waddell, Joseph—3.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Anderson, Wm. Lafayette	Fortson, John Thomas	Short, Zalmer Arthmul
Brown, John	Hewlett, Edmund Palmer	Thornton, Geo. Alexander
Carillo, Julio	Julian, John	—8.

**DIED:**

Johnson, James George

Mathews, John—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....99	Withdrawn, ..... 3
Exalted, ..... 5	Suspended for non-payment dues, 8
Affiliated, ..... 1	Died, ..... 2
Restored,..... 1—106.	New borne upon the roll,.....93—106.

**WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.****Woodland, Yolo County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Jermain Cole, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Lowrey Simpson, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Andrew Carlisle Kean, <i>King,</i>	James Viers, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
James Porter Bullock, <i>Scribe,</i>	Donald Fraser, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Dixon Stephens, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Adam J Steiner, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
James Kerson Smith, <i>Secretary,</i>	Calderon Weld Proctor, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Temple Perrin Magee, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Carey Barney, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Thomas Cross Pockman,

Nicholas Wykoff.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Aronson, Henry	Goodin, Thomas Chelton	Maltby, John Edward
Bray, Edward Gaines	Grimes, George Clayton	Marden, William Harrison
Burns, Daniel Monroe	Guthrie, Thomas Walker	Megowan, Robert Wickliff
Dexter, Lorenzo	Harlan, Benjamin Franklin	Miller, Frederick
Dresbach, William	Harling, Micajah Oglesby	Miller, Hezekiah Monroe
Ely, Isaac Jefferson	Harper, Sterling Gorman	Parramore, Edw'd Littleton
Everett, Philip George	Hicks, Humphrey	Prather, John Nathaniel
Freeman, Frank'n Sylvester	Hill, Henry Abraham	Rodolph, Godfrey
Freeman, John Watts	Hurlburt, Daniel Bradley	Ross, Thomas
Frost, Charles Stincen	Jacobs, John	Schindler, David
Furst, Leopold	Johnson, James	Snowball, John Wells
Gable, Harvey Clinton	Johnson, Henry Foster	Tebbs, Liburne Ely
Geary, George James	Larew, William Henry	Vaughn, Cornelius L Neuwall
Gardner, Matthew	Lowry, John William	Williams, George Wesley

—56.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Griffith, Abraham

Markell, Richard Solomon—2.

**EXCLUDED:**

Bane, Edward Francis—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....	57	Withdrawn, .....	2
Exalted .....	5—59.	Excluded .....	1
		Now borne upon the roll,.....	56—59.

**LASSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.****Susanville, Lassen County.***Stated Meetings, Friday of or next succeeding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Ranshaw Lockwood, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Trowbridge Hyer Ward, <i>Princ. Sojourner</i> ,
Eber Gaston Bangham, <i>King</i> ,	George Strunk Pierce, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Phillip Jacob Goumaz, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Branham, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Davis Knoch, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Lafayette Decatur McDow, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Henry Crane, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Wesley Hendrick, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
George Hurley, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Allen Wood, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Allen Wood,	John Chaney Partridge,	John Ranshaw Lockwood.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Babcock, Charles Marsh	Latham, Melancthon S	Sheldon, Benjamin Franklin
Bereman, Henry	Leavitt, Benjamin Hanson	Sloss, Ferdinand Americus
Brince, Herman	Maxwell, Jefferson Houston	Smith, Albert Augustus
Brockman, William	McKissick, Jacob	Spalding, Zetus Newell
Cahlan, John	McGill, Robert Leslie	Snyder, Henry
Dill, Andrew	Miller, Andrew	Standart, George
Duncan, And. Cunningham	Minckler, William David	Stevens, Ward Spooner
Fitch, John Edward	Moon, Abraham Gillette	Stiles, Lyman Collins
Gary, William West	Munroe, Duncan Cameron	Streshly, Orlando
Grant, Alexander	Naileigh, William Hill	Talbot, Enoch Stanwood
Gresham, Uriah	Otto, Anthony	Tanner, Dennis
Hall, Davis Clark	Pullen, Granville	Tremain, Robert
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson	Sanders, Sanders	Tucker, Duane Harrison
Hines, Frederick	Santee, Milton	White, Asa Preston
Kelley, John Davis	Sawyer, John James	Whitlock, James Henry
Kingsbury, William Charles Segraves, John Henry		Winchell, Hiram—63.
Kruger, Frank Christoph E Sharp, James Porter		

**DIED:**

Miller, William Henry	Proctor, George—2.
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**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....57	Died..... 2
Exalted..... 6	Now borne upon the roll.....63—65.
Affiliated..... 2—65.	

**DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.****Dixon, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Churchill McKinley, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Henry Wells, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Henry Ewalt McKune, <i>King</i> ,	William Killebrew, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Albert Harlow Pratt, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Charles North, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Redmond Ferguson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Fleming McLean, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Benjamin Franklin Kelly, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John William McFadyen, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John David Munzie, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Orlando Lusk Bishop, <i>Guard</i> .



**Past High Priests:**

John Sweany, Herman Eppinger, George Churchill McKinley.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Abbey, John Alexander	Garnett, James St. Clair	Merryfield, Justus Chandler
Agee, Christop'r Columbus	Gates, Thomas Milton	Righter, Francis Marion
Baker, Roland Thomas	Goeffert, Henry	Robinson, Christop'r Max'll
Blitch, Joseph Luke	Gordon, Melvin Barnes	Ross, Henry Ackerson
Brock, Tilman Howard	Gregory, Thomas Meradith	Schnitzlein, Freder'k August
Bouchard, Andrew	Hewer, John Henry	Simms, William
Burke, John	Hill, William Washington	Steele, William
Byrne, Daniel Dominic	Hockheimer, Amiel	Summers, Andrew Good
Craig, Frederick	Johnson, James Otis	Talbott, John Green
Currey, Montgomery Scott	Larew, Peter	Tyler, Elias Mortimer
Ettlinger, Bernhard	Longmire, Daniel	Wolfskill, Edward—48.
Fraser, Alexander		

**PAST MASTER:**

Fraser, Thomas—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Johnson, William—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....46	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted,.....3—49.	Now borne upon the roll.....48—49.

**MODESTO CHAPTER, No. 49.**

*Modesto, Stanislaus County.*

*Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

**OFFICERS:**

Adolphus Hewel, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Rodgers, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Isaac Ripperdan, <i>King,</i>	Patrick Manning, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Jesse James Chapman, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Visser, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
George Washington Toombs, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Henry George James, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Lawson Burfoot Walthal, <i>Secretary,</i>	Michael Braun, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Sept'us Allen Cleveland, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	Thomas Cookson, <i>Chaplain,</i>
	Charles Isaac Carner, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

William John Houston, Elihu Burritt Beard, Adolphus Hewel.  
Septimus Allen Cleveland,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Armstrong, James Lapsley	Jacobs, Henry	Teeter, John Dallas
Dorsey, Caleb	Lawrence, George	Wardrobe, Samuel V
Dowda, Geo. Washington	Newsom, John Moore	Wilson, Thomas Andrew
Eagleson, Erastus	Stewart, Alexander	Wright, Chris. Columbus—28.
Horton, Dickinson Courtney		

**WITHDRAWN:**

Burkett, Alexander—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....26	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted,.....3—29.	Now borne upon the roll.....28—29.

**VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.****San Buenaventura, Ventura County.***Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Lemuel Clark McKeeby, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Marion Cannon, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Henry Davis, <i>King</i> ,	William Henry Arundel, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Nehemiah Blackstock, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Marion Brooks, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Volney Alexander Simpson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Albert Griffith Bartlett, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Lafayette Findla Eastin, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jonathan Doan Hines, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Allen Day, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	Henry Spear, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Jonathan Doan Hines,	Charles Henry Davis.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Blanchard, Nathan Weston	Davis, Samuel Augustus	Grimes, Brice
Bard, Cephas Little	Edwards, Evan Alfred	Knighten, William Ammon
Bard, Thomas Robert	Finney, Charles Grandison	Sparks, William Ware
Chaffee, Walter Scott	Fisher, Joseph	Smith, Alvin Billings
Chrisman, Gilpin Wallace	Gay, Miles Hervey	Stanchfield, Levi Gould
Clemmens, Andrew	Gilbert, Geo. Shoebr'ge, Jr.	Surdam, Royes Gaylord
Cox, Richard	Gilbert, Thomas	—32.

**PAST MASTER:**

Burrill, William Henry—1.

**MARK MASTER:**

Kaiser, Joseph—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Tompkins, John Givens—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report,.....	31	Withdrawn,.....	1
Exalted,.....	1	Now borne upon the roll,.....	32—33.
Affiliated,.....	1—33.		

**CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 51.****Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Edward Childs, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Renj. Franklin Thomas, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Rollin Dunshee, <i>King</i> ,	William Henry Norway, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
George Nelson Collins, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Albert Hayman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Peck Stearns, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Archibald W. Phillips, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edgar Luzern Paddock, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Eliakim Tupper Gourley, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
———, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

John Peck Stearns,	George Edward Childs.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Babcock, Leonard	Hunt, Charles Clifford	Parsons, Jacob
Clifton, Henry	Hunt, Richard Orville	Stafford, Owen Andrew
Faber, George	Marcy, Harvey Bradley	Walker, Frank
Hart, Joseph Va	Meroux, Joseph	Williams, James Orlando
Hill, Jesse		—23.

## WITHDRAWN:

Casebeer, Joseph William	Garrettson, Joseph Michael	Mallorqui, Jose
Damm, Andrew	Hart, Thomas	Trenwith, George F.—6.

## EXCLUDED:

Ealand, Joseph—1.

## DIED:

Fawcett, Eugene—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....	31—31.	Withdrawn,.....	6
		Excluded,.....	1
		Died,.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll,.....	23—31.

## HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.

Eureka, Humboldt County.

*Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Andrew Watson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jos. Dibble Hoyt Chamberlain, <i>Prin. Sg.</i> ,
D. Clinton Scott, <i>King</i> ,	Clarence M. Leighton Howard, <i>R. A. Capt.</i> ,
Thomas Blakwell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	David Keneda Renfro, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Jewett McNamara, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Alexander Campbell, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Patterson Hanna, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Carson, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Bryce, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Andrew William Anderson, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priest:

John Andrew Watson.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Becker, Charles	Greenwald, Julius	Roberts, James Thomas
Brown, Thomas McGinnis	Hall, Richard	Russ, Joseph
Buck, Silas Montgomery	Halloran, James	Serier, Abner Dill
Bull, John Clark, Jr.	Hart, Plummer Frederick	Trost, John Henry
Case, Horace Smith	Hetfield, Albert DeForest	Wallace, Malcolm Joseph
Coates, John Pim	Hetherington, John, Jr.	Wentworth, Harris Burns
Cutler, Thomas	Ley, Francis Anthony	Wiley, John Bassett
Griannell, Alvin Sampson	McCann, Charles Frederick	Wyman, Justin Edwin—36.

## WITHDRAWN:

Leventhal, Abraham

Matrau, Benjamin Franklin—2.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....	32	Withdrawn,.....	2
Exalted,.....	5	Now borne upon the roll, ....	36—38.
Associated,.....	1—38.		

## UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.

Ukiah, Mendocino County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

George McCowen, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Langley Barnes, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Edward Warren King, <i>King</i> ,	Jeremiah Henry Donohoe, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
George William Heald, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Isbell, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
John Smith Reed, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Wallace Montg'y Hagan, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Samuel Wheeler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Louis Taylor Day, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Wm. Hanscomb Haskell, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Tell Zimmerman, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priest:

John Wesley Jenkins.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnes, William Henry	Cliff, John Ford	McGarvey, Robert
Bellamy, Benson Clarke	Henly, Whitcombe	Montague, Lemuel Davis
Briggs, Moses Carson	Hornbrook, Sanders	Orsborne, Daniel Henry
Burchard, John Luther	Mathews, James Robert	Updegraff, Jacob—26.
Carothers, Thomas Langley		

## MARK MASTER:

Orr, James Henry—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Albertson, Joseph.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....23	Withdrawn,.....1
Exalted,.....4—27.	Now borne upon the roll,.....26—27.

## LAKEPORT CHAPTER, No. 54.

Lakeport, Lake County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

Returns to April 1st, 1879.

## OFFICERS:

Frank Downing Tunis, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Chas. Wesley Ingram, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
William Wallace Jones, <i>King</i> ,	David Mark Hanson, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Lindsay Carson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Spencer Mendenhall, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
John Christopher Crigler, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Edward Roethel, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Henry Alexander Oliver, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Guy Ross, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Ralph Kenniston Nichols, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	John Cuthbert Combs, <i>Guard</i> .

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Joseph Davis	De Sollar, Henry Cook	Kelsay, John
Brown, James William	Gwin, Washington	Morrison, Thomas Cowan
Cook, George Frederick		—19.

## RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation,.....10	Now borne upon the roll,.....19—19.
Exalted,.....7	
Affiliated,.....2—19.	

## Returns to April 1, 1880.

## OFFICERS:

Frank Downing Tunia, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Charles Wesley Ingam, <i>P. Sojourner</i> ,
William Wallace Jones, <i>King</i> ,	John Spencer Mendenhall, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Lindsay Carson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Washington Gwin, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Christopher Crigler, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Edward Roethel, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Alexander Oliver, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Guy Ross, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Ralph Kenniston Nichols, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	David Mark Hanson, <i>Guard</i> .

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Joseph Davis	Greene, William Woods	Morrill, Albert Fairfield
Brown, James William	Kelsay, John	Benike, John
Combs, John Cuthbert	Kennedy, Hiram	Simmons, Leeson Gaskill
Cook, George Frederick	Mahan, Morris	Thompson, Elbridge G. C.
De Sollar, Henry Cook	Morrison, Thomas Cowan	—26.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report,.....19	Now borne upon the roll,.....26—26.
Exalted, ..... 5	
Affiliated,..... 2—26.	

## BODIE CHAPTER, No. 55.

## Bodie, Mono County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Samuel Benjamin Ferguson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	David Martin Sutton, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Irwin, <i>King</i> ,	John Alexander Caldwell, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Samuel Owen, <i>Scribe</i> ,	David Casey, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Morris Dawley, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Gill, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Ferris, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Sparrow, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Charles Allen Richardson, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Henry E Wilson, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priest:

George Howard Winterburn.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Atlee, William Augustus	Irwin, William Allen	Parr, John Forrest
Allen, Andrew Harper	Jackson, Emanuel	Stewart, Alexander Bruce
Bence, Adolphus	Jeffreys, David	Stewart, John Wesley
Blasdel, Sherrell Weaver	Kister, Oscar Hugo	Summers, Jesse Nolan
Chamberlain, Eugene Francis	Luke, David Matthias	Symons, Edward
Dunlap, William Wayne	McCurdy, Samuel	Tonkin, Walter James
Ellsworth, Anson Merrill	McClosky, John	Traut, Anton
Forrest, Robert McClelland	McKinney, Charles Franklin	Turner, John Christopher
Gilbert, Josiah	Owen, Frank	Van Zandt, John Washington
Harris, Thomas Spencer		—41.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

Maynard, James Albertus—1.

## DIED:

Gill, Thomas—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for Dispensation,.... 9	Died,..... 1
Exalted,.....25	Now borne upon the roll, .....41—42.
Affiliated,..... 8—42.	

## REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California.

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Canada,.....*	.....
District of Columbia,....	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Iowa,.....	ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, P. G. H. P.,..... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Kentucky, .....	JOHN MILLS BROWNE, P. G. H. P.,..... <i>Vallejo</i> ;
Louisiana,.....	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Maryland,.....	JACOB HART NEFF, P. G. H. P.,..... <i>Colfax</i> ;
Maine, ...	LEONIDAS E. PRATT, P. H. P.,..... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Mississippi,.....	GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, P. G. H. P.,..... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Missouri,.....	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
New Jersey,.....	WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Oregon,.....	GEORGE CLEMENT PERKINS, P. H. P.,..... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Quebec,.....	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P.,... <i>San Francisco</i> ;
Vermont.....	WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,..... <i>San Francisco</i> .

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\* Vacant.

## REPRESENTATIVES

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA

NEAR OTHER GRAND CHAPTERS.

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Canada,.....	HENRY MCPHERSON,.....	<i>(Queen Sound, Ont'o:</i>
Colorado,.....	IRVING W. STANTON,.....	<i>Pueblo ;</i>
Iowa,.....	WILLIAM B. LANGEIDGE,.....	<i>Muscotine ;</i>
Kansas,.....	JOHN BROWN,.....	<i>Leavenworth ;</i>
Kentucky,.....	HENRY BOSTWICK,.....	<i>Covington ;</i>
Louisiana,.....	J. Q. A. FELLOWS,.....	<i>New Orleans ;</i>
Maine,.....	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,.....	<i>Portland ;</i>
Maryland,.....	EDWARD T. SHULTZ,.....	<i>Baltimore ;</i>
Massachusetts,.....	JOHN MCCLELLAN,.....	<i>Boston ;</i>
Minnesota,.....	SILAS R. MERRILL,.....	<i>St. Paul ;</i>
Mississippi,.....	JOHN K. FULSON,.....	<i>Holly Springs ;</i>
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New Hampshire,.....	JOHN J. BELL,.....	<i>Exeter ;</i>
New Jersey,.....	EDWARD GOELLER,.....	<i>Trenton ;</i>
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Quebec,.....	FRANK EDGAR,.....	<i>Montreal ;</i>
South Carolina,.....	AUGUSTIN T. SMYTHE,.....	<i>Charleston ;</i>
Tennessee,.....	TOWNSEND A. THOMAS,.....	<i>Nashville ;</i>
Vermont,.....	THEODORE S. PECK,.....	<i>Burlington ;</i>
West Virginia,.....	KEPHEAT D. WALKER,.....	<i>Farmount ;</i>
Wisconsin,.....	M. M. COTHEEN,.....	<i>Milwaukee.</i>

# GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organisation of the Grand Chapter, July 28, A. I. 2384.

## 1854.

CHARLES M. RADCLIFF, *Grand High Priest.* A. B. HOY,..... *Grand King.*  
JOHN D. CREIGH, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*HUGH G. PLATT, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1855.

JOHN D. CREIGH, . . . *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, . . . *Grand King.*  
\*ISAAC DAVIS, . . . *Dep. Grand High Priest.* LEVERETT BRADLEY, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1856.

\*ORANGE H. DIBBLE, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, . . . *Grand King.*  
WM. W. TRAYLOR, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1857.

WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, . . . *Grand King.*  
THOS. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON, . . . *Grand King.*  
WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*HENRY HARE HARTLEY, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1859.

WHITING G. WEST, . . . *Grand High Priest.* \*AARON D. PARK, . . . *Grand King.*  
\*H. H. HARTLEY, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*LEWIS REYNOLDS, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1860.

\*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* JAMES W. BICKNELL, . . . *Grand King.*  
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand Scribe.*

## 1861.

\*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* \*EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand King.*  
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1862.

ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, . . *Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, . . . *Grand King.*  
\*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1863.

\*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, *Grand High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH, . . . *Grand King.*  
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1864.

\*ISAAC DAVIS, . . . *Grand High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH, . . . *Grand King.*  
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

## 1865.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK, . . *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, . . . *Grand King.*  
\*CHAS. MARSH, . . *Dep. Grand High Priest.* ISAAC S. TITUS, . . . *Grand Scribe.*

1866.

\*CHARLES MARSH, ... *Grand High Priest.* ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand King.*  
WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1867.

ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand High Priest.* \*JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JAS. A. JACKSON, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1868.

\*JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand High Priest.* JAS. LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand King.*  
GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1870.

GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand King.*  
JAS. LAW. ENGLISH, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1871.

JAS. L. ENGLISH, ... *Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand King.*  
JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* \*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1872.

JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1873.

WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1874.

WM. ALEX. JANUARY, *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*  
WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1875.

WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Grand High Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand King.*  
ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1876.

ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*  
HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1877.

HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand King.*  
JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1878.

JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand High Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand King.*  
NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1879.

NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Gr. High Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand King.*  
WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1880.

WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand King.*  
HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* LEONIDAS E. PRATT, ... *Grand Scribe.*

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\*Deceased.



WITH A SUMMARY OF THEIR RETURNS FOR THE TERM, TWELVE MONTHS, ENDING JANUARY 31, A. I. 2410.

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26 MANSANITA, .....	29 North San Juan, Nevada	May 10, 1861.	5	4	5	2	2	2	60	79 00
27 NAPA, .....	30 Napa City, Napa,	May 9, 1862.	1	1	2	1	2	1	39	40 00
28 MARTINEZ, .....	31 Martinez, Contra Costa,	" "	1	1	1	3	1	1	37	40 00
† QUINCY, .....	32 Quincy, Plumas,	May 8, 1863.	1	1	1	1	1	1	67	67 00
29 LOS ANGELES, .....	33 Los Angeles, Los Angeles,	Oct. 7, 1864.	2	2	6	4	1	1	30	80 00
30 ALTURA, .....	34 Le Porte, Plumas,	" "	2	2	1	3	2	1	91	99 00
31 NAVAJO, .....	35 Vallejo, Solano,	Oct. 20, 1868.	3	2	2	1	1	1	36	108 00
32 ALAMEDA, .....	36 Oakland, Alameda,	" "	3	2	2	1	1	2	46	58 00
33 SILOAM, .....	37 Colfax, Placer,	April 6, 1870.	2	2	3	3	1	1	33	48 00
34 SANTA CRUZ, .....	38 Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz,	" "	3	3	3	4	1	1	53	60 00
35 DONNER, .....	39 Truckee, Nevada,	April 11, 1871.	1	2	2	2	1	3	41	41 00
36 RED BLUFF, .....	40 Red Bluff, Tehama,	" "	2	2	2	1	2	4	44	53 00
37 TEMPLE, .....	41 Watsonville, Santa Cruz,	" "	2	2	2	2	1	1	59	58 00
38 CHICO, .....	42 Chico, Butte,	" "	1	1	1	1	1	1	39	48 00
39 SOLANO, .....	43 Suisun, Solano,	April 11, 1872.	1	1	1	1	1	1	34	36 00
40 VISALIA, .....	44 Visalia, Tulare,	April 9, 1873.	1	1	1	1	2	7	33	111 00
41 SANTA ROSA, .....	45 Santa Rosa, Sonoma,	" "	4	4	5	5	1	3	56	62 00
42 WOODLAND, .....	46 Woodland, Yolo,	" "	1	1	2	2	1	2	63	87 00
43 LASSEN, .....	47 Susanville, Lassen,	April 14, 1875.	6	6	6	6	2	1	48	56 00
44 DIXON, .....	48 Dixon, Solano,	" "	2	2	1	3	1	1	28	34 00
45 MONSIEU, .....	49 Modesto, Stanislaus,	April 12, 1876.	2	1	1	1	1	1	23	23 00
46 VENTURA, .....	50 San Buenaventura, Ventura,	" "	4	4	5	5	1	2	36	54 00
47 CORINTHIAN, .....	51 Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara,	April 11, 1877.	3	2	3	4	1	1	26	38 00
48 HUMBOLDT, .....	52 Eureka, Humboldt,	April 9, 1878.	5	5	5	5	2	1	26	48 00
49 UKIAH, .....	53 Ukiah, Mendocino,	" "	26	26	26	25	8	1	41	144 00
50 LAKEPORT, .....	54 Lakeport, Lake,	April 14, 1880.	26	26	26	25	8	1	82904	8409 00
51 BODIE, .....	55 Bodie, Mono,	" "	120	123	126	129	36	17	90	24
			91	1	4	24	9	5	18	

† Consolidated with Sonoma Chapter, No. 2.

\* Charter surrendered.

† Charter revoked.

## GENERAL SUMMARY.

Royal Arch Masons as per Returns of 1879.....	2728	Withdrawn.....	50
Exalted.....	129	Excluded.....	24
Initiated.....	45	Suspended for non-payment of dues.....	91
Returned last year.....	20	Returned for unamasonic conduct.....	4
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Excluded last year, and reported expelled this year.....	1	Number Royal Arch Masons returned 1880.....	2904
			3128

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# GRAND CONVENTION

OF THE

# ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS,

OF THE

# STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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Twenty-first Annual Convention.

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The twenty-first Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of April, 1880, at four o'clock, P. M.

There were present the following named

#### OFFICERS :

The R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,..... *Vice President ;*  
 " R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,..... *Chaplain ;*  
 " R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES,..... *Treasurer ;*  
 " R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,..... *Recorder :*

Also Comps. GEORGE MANSFIELD BLAKE, THOMAS CALLOW, GEORGE EDWARD CHILDS, EDWARD COLEMAN, JOHN DUNEAR CREIGH, ADOLPH DOBROWSKY, RUSSELL THAYER HAYES, ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, JOHN RANSHAW LOCKWOOD, GEORGE ALEX. MCKENZIE, GEORGE CHURCHILL MCKINLEY, JACOB HART NEFF, HENRY SAYRE ORME, JAMES MARTIN RODGERS, LOUIS SCHWARTZ, ADOLPH SIMON, JAMES SINGLEY, BENJAMIN TUTTLE, and JOHN FLOYD VAN DIVIER.

The M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, President, being absent the R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN presided and made the following appointments *pro tempore* :

Comp. HENRY HAY KNAPP,..... *Vice President ;*  
 " HENRY SAYRE ORME,..... *Master of Ceremonies ;*  
 " JAMES SINGLEY,..... *Conductor ;*  
 " JAMES MARTIN RODGERS,..... *Herald ;*  
 " GEORGE EDWARD CHILDS,..... *Steward :*

The Convention was then opened in *But form.*

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The M. E. President, having announced that the election of Officers was next in order, appointed as tellers, Comps. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, and GEORGE ALEX. MCKENZIE.

The following named companions were then elected Officers for the ensuing year :—

The M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR.....	<i>President ;</i>
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" R. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,.....	<i>Conductor ;</i>
" R. E. ABRAHAM HALSKY,.....	<i>Herald ;</i>
" R. E. ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,.....	<i>Steward.</i>

There being no further business, the minutes of the proceedings were read and approved. The Grand Convention was then closed in due form.

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,  
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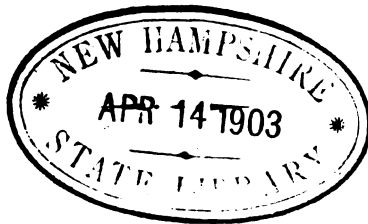
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## In Testimony Whereof,

I have hereunto appended my official signature, and have affixed the Seal of the Grand Chapter of the State of California, at the City of San Francisco, this twenty-fifth day of April, A. D. 1881. A. I. 2411.

*Thomas H. Caswell,*

*Grand Secretary.*



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OF THE

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AT ITS

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E. THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL, GRAND LECTURER,.....*San Francisco* ;  
E. EDWARD COLEMAN,.....GRAND CAPT. OF THE HOST, *Grass Valley* ;  
E. BENJ. FRANKLIN TUTTLE, GRAND ROYAL ARCH CAPT'N, *Petaluma* ;  
Comp. SAMUEL DAVID MAYER, ...GRAND ORGANIST,.....*San Francisco* ;  
" IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....GRAND GUARD,.....*San Francisco*

# GRAND CHAPTER

OF

# ROYAL ARCH MASONS

OF THE

## STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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TWENTY-SEVENTH ANNUAL CONVOCATION.

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The Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of California commenced its twenty-seventh Annual Convocation at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, on Tuesday, the twelfth day of April, A. D. 1881, A. I. 2411, at ten o'clock, A. M.

Upon calling the roll of members, there were found present the following—

### GRAND OFFICERS:

The <i>M. E.</i>	WILEY JAMES TINNIN,.....	<i>Grand High Priest;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i>	HENRY SAYRE ORME,.....	<i>Deputy Grand High Priest;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i>	WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE,....	<i>Grand King;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i>	LEONIDAS E PRATT,.....	<i>Grand Scribe;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i>	HIRAM THEROOP GRAVES,.....	<i>Grand Treasurer;</i>
" <i>R. E.</i>	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....	<i>Grand Secretary;</i>
" <i>E.</i>	JOHN RIGGS CRANDALL,.....	<i>as Grand Chaplain;</i>
" <i>E.</i>	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....	<i>Grand Lecturer;</i>
" <i>E.</i>	JONATHAN DOAN HINES,.....	<i>Grand Capt. of the Host;</i>
" <i>E.</i>	EDWARD COLEMAN,.....	<i>Grand Royal Arch Captain;</i>
<i>Comp.</i>	SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,.....	<i>Grand Organist;</i>
"	IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....	<i>Grand Guard;</i>

### PAST GRAND OFFICERS:

The <i>M. E.</i>	JOHN DUNBAR CREIGH,.....	<i>Past Grand High Priest;</i>
" <i>M. E.</i>	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,.....	" " " "
" <i>M. E.</i>	ADOLPHUS HOLLUB,.....	" " " "
" <i>M. E.</i>	JOHN KIRKPATRICK,.....	" " " "
" <i>M. E.</i>	ISAAC SURVENE TITUS,.....	" " " "
" <i>M. E.</i>	GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,.....	" " " "
" <i>M. E.</i>	JACOB HART NEFF,.....	" " " "
" <i>M. E.</i>	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL,.....	" " " "
" <i>M. E.</i>	HENRY HAY KNAFF,.....	" " " "
" <i>M. E.</i>	NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING,....	" " " "
" <i>R. E.</i>	STEPHEN WING,.....	<i>Past Grand King;</i>

And the representatives of forty-three chartered Chapters, together with a number of Past High Priests by service within this jurisdiction, entitled to seats.

There being more than a sufficient representation present, the Grand Chapter of California was opened in *Imple Form*, with music by the choir, and prayer by the Grand Chaplain.

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convocation was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The Grand High Priest announced the following committee—

On Credentials :.....	{	Comp. Jacob Hart Neff, " John Andrew Watson, " Edward Taylor Anthony.
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After a brief recess, the committee presented the following report of officers of the chartered Chapters, or their duly appointed proxies, and Past High Priests, by service within the jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from—

<i>San Francisco</i> ,...No. 1,...	{ MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, High Priest; ISAAC PHILANSON KINCAID, King; ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, EDWARD TAYLOR ANTHONY,	}	Past High Priests.
<i>Sonora</i> ,.....No. 2,....	{ EDWIN A. RODGERS, P. H. P. & pr. for H. P., K. & S. ; STEPHEN WING, Past High Priest.	}	
<i>Sacramento</i> ,.....No. 3,....	{ CHARLES MORTIMER COGLAN, High Priest; POWELL SAMUEL LAWSON, WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS,	}	Past High Priests.
<i>California</i> ,.....No. 5,....	{ FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, High Priest; CHARLES LYMAN HASKELL, King; JOSEPH McMATH, Scribe; ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, JOHN FRANCIS SNOW, HIRAM THROOP GRAVES, LEONIDAS E PRATT, JOHN KIRKPATRICK, THOMAS KYLE,	}	Past High Priests.
<i>Nevada</i> ,.....No. 6,....	{ THOS. MEIN, Past High Priest & pr. for H. P., K. & S. ; THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Past High Priest.	}	
<i>Bentonia</i> ,.....No. 7, ....	TIMOTHY SAGE, Past High Priest.	}	
<i>Shasta</i> ,.....No. 9,.....	DANIEL PORTER BYSTLE, P.H.P. & pr. for H.P., K. & S.	}	
<i>Sutter</i> ,.....No. 11,.....	JOHN LITHGOW, High Priest and Past High Priest.	}	
<i>Merced</i> ,.....No. 12,.....	HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER, High Priest.	}	
<i>Washington</i> , ....No. 13,....	{ HENRY CHARLES LOTT, High Priest; ERNEST BRICENO THOMPSON, King.	}	

<i>Howard</i> ,.....	No. 14,.....	{ WILSON HAYS, High Priest and Past High Priest; DANIEL C. DUNN, proxy for Scribe.
<i>Cyrus</i> ,.....	No. 15,.....	{ LOUIS CONSTANTINE HUSEMAN, High Priest; JOHN MORRIS WALBRIDGE, Past High Priest.
<i>St. James</i> ,.....	No. 16,.....	GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Libanus</i> ,.....	No. 17,.....	JOHN FLOYD VAN DIVIER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Grass Valley</i> ,.....	No. 18,.....	{ PETER JOHNSTON, King; EDWARD COLEMAN, Past High Priest.
<i>Trinity</i> ,.....	No. 19,.....	WILEY JAMES TINNIN, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Franklin</i> ,.....	No. 20,.....	THOMAS CALLOW, P. H. P., and pr. for H. P., K. & S.
<i>Sierra</i> ,.....	No. 21,.....	WILLIAM THOMPSON LUTHER, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Petaluma</i> ,.....	No. 22,.....	{ WILLIAM BARNABAS HASKELL, High Priest; BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, Past High Priest.
<i>Oliver</i> ,.....	No. 23,.....	JACOB LOCKE WELKER, Scribe.
<i>La Fayette</i> ,.....	No. 24,.....	WILLIAM ALEXANDER MEEK, Scribe.
<i>Georgetown</i> ,.....	No. 25,.....	ELLISON LASSELL CRAWFORD, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>Oakland</i> ,.....	No. 26,.....	ISAAC DANIEL RYTTEBURG, Scribe.
<i>Delta</i> ,.....	No. 27,.....	{ JOHN THOMPSON KINKADE, High Priest and P. H. P.; JOHN HIGGS CRANDALL, Past High Priest.
<i>Stockton</i> ,.....	No. 28,.....	{ DOBAN LUCIUS CAMPBELL, High Priest; GEORGE ALEXANDER MCKENZIE, Past High Priest.
<i>Manzanita</i> ,.....	No. 29,.....	JOHN STORER MCBRIDE, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Napa</i> ,.....	No. 30,.....	HENRY HAY KNAPP, Past High Priest.
<i>Los Angeles</i> ,.....	No. 33,.....	{ JAMES SETH CRAWFORD, High Priest; HENRY SAYRE ORME, Past High Priest.
<i>Naval</i> ,.....	No. 35,.....	{ ROLAND JACKSON MCDANIEL, High Priest; CHRISTIAN THEODORE BENTON HALLEN, King; FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, Past High Priest.
<i>Alameda</i> ,.....	No. 36,.....	{ GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, High Priest and P. H. P.; JOHN ELLIOT BENTON, Scribe; NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, } Past High Priests. FRANK WORTHY CUSHING, }
<i>Siloam</i> ,.....	No. 37,.....	JACOB HART NEFF, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Santa Cruz</i> ,.....	No. 38,.....	THOMAS AMNER, High Priest.
<i>Temple</i> ,.....	No. 41,.....	JAMES MARTIN RODGERS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Chico</i> ,.....	No. 42,.....	CHARLES FAULKNER, P. H. P. and pr. for H. P., K. & S.
<i>Visalia</i> ,.....	No. 44,.....	ANDREW HENDERSON BRODER, H. P. and P. H. P.
<i>Santa Rosa</i> ,.....	No. 45,.....	JOHN RIPLEY WRIGHT, King.
<i>Woodland</i> ,.....	No. 46,.....	HUMPHREY HICKS, High Priest.
<i>Lassen</i> ,.....	No. 47,.....	{ EBER GASTON BANGHAM, High Priest; JOHN RANSHAW LOCKWOOD, Past High Priest.
<i>Dixon</i> ,.....	No. 48,.....	{ JOHN WILLIAM MCFADYEN, Scribe; HERMAN EPPINGER, Past High Priest.
<i>Modesto</i> ,.....	No. 49,.....	ADOLPHUS HEWEL, High Priest and Past High Priest.
<i>Ventura</i> ,.....	No. 50,.....	JONATHAN DOAN HINES, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Corinthian</i> ,.....	No. 51,.....	GEORGE EDWARD CHILDS, High Priest and P. H. P.
<i>Humboldt</i> ,.....	No. 52,.....	JOHN ANDREW WATSON, High Priest and P. H. P.



<i>Ukiah</i> ,.....No. 53,....	{	WALLACE MONTGOMERY HAGAN, pr. for High Priest;
		EDWARD WARREN KING, King;
		WILLIAM ISBELL, proxy for Scribe.
<i>Signet</i> ,.....U. D.,.....		ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, King.
<i>Keystone</i> ,.....U. D.,.....		HORACE COWEN BOLFE, High Priest.

Which report was concurred in and the companions therein named were admitted to seats.

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointment to to fill a vacancy in the

*Committee on Finance:*

Comp. Wilson Hays.

The Grand High Priest then delivered his Annual Address to the Grand Chapter, as follows:—

COMPANIONS OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA:—

Time, the universal regulator, with his unchangeable mechanical laws, has performed his annual mission, and we are again assembled together as the representatives of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, to perform our annual duties; to study and reflect on the wisdom of our past acts, and to counsel together upon what is good and proper for the future welfare, prosperity, and standing of our sublime institution.

We meet to-day, and can congratulate each other on the continued prosperity of Royal Arch Masonry in our jurisdiction. The Supreme Ruler of the Universe has been indulgent during the past year in showering His blessings upon us. We have had an abundant supply of refreshing rain for our valleys, and beautiful snow for our mountains. The granary of the farmer has been filled with the cereal, and his cellar with the vegetable and fruit productions of our soil. The melting snows from our mountains, controlled by the sturdy arm of the miner, has separated the precious metals from the earth, and our commerce is reinvigorated with the sinews of trade. The hum and clatter of industry has been heard in every quarter; and amid all this display of intelligence, industry, and ingenuity, the Royal Craft stands among the front ranks, receiving its accessions, promulgating its principles, and dispensing its charities to its unfortunate members, and the widow and fatherless, throughout the earth.

It is my pleasure to say to you, my companions, that notwithstanding the general prosperity that has existed in the Order during my stewardship, yet, owing to the wisdom exercised by you and my predecessors in office, in perfecting and formulating our laws, I have had no disagreeable duties to perform officially, and but few otherwise; and in these few, I have been greatly assisted by the industry, intelligence, and good will of our Grand Secretary, Companion CASWELL.

This Grand Body, a few years ago, in conjunction with the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of this State, besought the General Grand Chapter to allow us to consolidate the Chapter and Council degrees; or, in plainer words, to unite Capitular and Cryptic Masonry under one head. This was evidently done in the judgment of those acting for the advancement and welfare of Cryptic Masonry; for while its principles and its work are universal, it seems to exist, legislatively, in different forms in the several jurisdictions of Royal Arch Masonry. The General Grand Chapter in its wisdom denied jurisdiction in the matter; hence we are now left just where we began. In the meantime, through correspondence with several companions, in different jurisdictions—who have made themselves officious in the matter—I learn that the requisite number (nine State Grand Councils) have united

and formed a General Grand Council, whose wisdom, I have no doubt, will be sufficient to untie the Gordian knot, and give universal legislation to the sublime Cryptic Art; and in the near future they will all be served and entertained in their own households, and not be dependent on the protecting kindness of their near friends.

I desire to call your attention to what might be properly termed speculative schemes of subordinate Chapters—in building expensive halls—purchasing expensive paraphernalia—beyond their ordinary means. While we should strictly adhere to the principle of the autonomy of subordinate Chapters as regards the expenditure of their funds for legitimate Masonic purposes, yet there should be some limit to the contracting of debts where the ultimate result will be to ruin them financially, and jeopardize their usefulness and standing in the communities in which they exist. While this is a delicate subject for this Grand Body to deal with—one in which there is great danger of trenching on reserved rights—yet its great importance to the Fraternity at large demands that something should be done, either by legislation or a warning of the evils resulting from such schemes.

The principle that the laborer is worthy of his hire, is one that universally governs the affairs of mankind; and although we work in Speculative Masonry only, yet we should give this subject that attention which its importance demands. While a portion of the officers of this Grand Body are amply paid for all the services they perform, the officers and representatives of the subordinate Chapters receive only actual travelling fare, without any allowance for necessary expenses on the way. This, in my judgment, is manifestly wrong; and it would seem that the *time* of those who leave their business and come here to attend our Annual Conventions, is all that we can justly ask them to lose, and it would be but simple justice to return to them all moneys necessarily expended while here, and coming from and returning to their homes. One of the results of better pay, would be a larger attendance, and a fuller expression on our legislative wants. We could then insist on continuous attendance during our sessions. The fact is plain, that the members not being sufficiently paid, induces a liberality of excuses for non-attendance that would not otherwise be granted.

Our relations with sister jurisdictions are of the most amicable nature. No disturbing elements ruffle the waters between us, or jeopardize the universal harmony so characteristic of our Order. For a general review of our relations with other bodies, I refer you to the very able report of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence.

Bonds were given in accordance with the law, by the Grand Treasurer and Grand Secretary, for the faithful performance of the duties of their respective offices. Said bonds are herewith presented.

The finances of the Grand Chapter are in a sound condition. For information in detail, I refer you to the report of the Grand Treasurer.

The following are all my official acts, that I deem of sufficient importance to bring before you, which I submit for your consideration, assuring you that the acts and judgments therein expressed have emanated from a desire to conform to our laws and to add to the welfare and prosperity of our Order.

Immediately after the close of our last Convocation, a charter having been granted to *Bodie* Chapter, No. 55, I authorized Companion GEORGE HOWARD WINTERBURN, P. H. P., to constitute and install the officers elect of that Chapter; which duty was performed and returns made to the Grand Secretary.

A charter having also been granted to *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, on the twelfth day of May, 1880, I visited and constituted that Chapter, and installed the officers. While this Chapter was working under dispensation, certain debts were contracted, which have been a source of contest ever since that time—the creditor contending that the High Priest was personally responsible for the debt, while the High Priest insists that he was no more responsible than other members of the Chapter, as the

debt was for robes and other regalia for the Chapter. Be that as it may, there is only one conclusion to which we can justly arrive in the matter; and that is, that no Chapter should receive a charter until they shall have collected among themselves sufficient funds to pay for the outfit. In this instance there was gross extravagance exercised in the purchase of an expensive outfit, by a new Chapter, with a small support—one that an old Chapter, with a large income, would hardly be warranted in indulging in. The Committee on Charters should exercise rigid scrutiny with reference to the financial condition of applicants before they clothe them with the powers of chartered Chapters.

On May seventeenth I issued a dispensation to Companions ROBERT RUFUS BROWN, ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, JOHN DUSTIN BICKNELL, and others, to organize a Chapter at Los Angeles, California, to be called *Signet* Chapter; the recommendation of *Los Angeles* Chapter, No. 33, having been obtained, and all the requirements of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter having been complied with.

On the ninth day of August I issued a dispensation to Companions HORACE COWEN ROLFE, GEORGE LORD, JOHN THOMPSON KNOX, and others, to organize a Chapter at San Bernardino, California, to be called *Keystone* Chapter; the recommendation of *Los Angeles* Chapter, No. 33, and all other legal requirements being complied with.

On June twenty-fourth I issued a dispensation to *Sacramento* Chapter, No. 3, to ballot on the petition of a brother; reasonable cause having been shown for the issuance of such dispensation.

On September twenty-ninth I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Los Angeles* Chapter, No. 33, reducing its fees for the degrees from sixty to fifty dollars.

On November twenty-second I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Howard* Chapter, No. 14, changing the time of meeting from first Wednesday to first Friday in each month.

On December fourteenth I issued a commission to Companion SAMUEL SHANNON, as Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Illinois.

On December eighteenth I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Modesto* Chapter, No. 49, by which the time of meeting was changed from Wednesday of or preceding the full moon to Friday of or preceding the full moon.

On February seventeenth I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Santa Rosa* Chapter, No. 45, changing time of meeting from first and third Wednesdays in each month to first Friday in each month; also to reduce the dues from six dollars per annum to four dollars per annum.

On February eighteenth I approved amendment to the By-Laws of *California* Chapter, No. 5, changing fees for the degrees from seventy-five dollars to fifty dollars.

On March twelfth I issued a dispensation to *Alturas* Chapter, No. 34, to elect officers; they having failed to do so at the proper time, on account of the deep snows prevailing in that section, which prevented the attendance of the members.

On March fourteenth I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Washington* Chapter, No. 13, reducing the dues from fifty cents per month to twenty-five cents per month.

On March fifteenth I issued a commission to Companion WILLIAM M. DOUGHTY, as Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, vice Companion T. A. THOMAS, who has removed from that jurisdiction.

On March twenty-second I issued a dispensation to *Modesto* Chapter, No. 49, to elect officers, they having failed to do so at the proper time prescribed in the Constitution.

On March twenty-fifth I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Visalia* Chapter, No. 44, fixing the dues at one dollar per month.

On April ninth I approved an amendment to the By-Laws of *Grass Valley* Chapter, No. 18, changing dues from one dollar and fifty cents per quarter to one dollar per quarter.

*Sonora* Chapter, No 2, desired to reduce its fees to thirty dollars by amendment to its By-Laws. This being a violation of Section 5 of Article 18 of the Constitution, I was compelled to withhold my approval.

I desire to call your attention to the dereliction of duty that has become habitual with some of the subordinate Chapters, they evidently not intending to violate the law, but are led to the acts by gross carelessness. In several instances returns are not made until a few days before our Annual Convocation. It is necessary for the business of this Grand Body that the Grand Secretary should finish his reports some days in advance of the meeting, and this neglect by the subordinate Chapters seriously disorganizes our business system.

Another violation, is in regard to the selection and recording of the Mark. Section 3 of the General Regulations, and which has been in force a long time, says:—

“Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction, must, within six months after his admission, select his Mark and record the same in a Book of Marks kept by the Chapter for that purpose; and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.”

And Section 17 of the General Regulations, passed recently, says:—

“That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Section 3 relative to the selecting and recording of his Mark.”

And Section 1 of Article 19 of the Constitution, of long standing, says:—

“Each High Priest has it in his special charge to see that the By-Laws of his Chapter, and the Constitution and Regulations of the Grand Chapter, as well as those of the General Grand Chapter, are duly observed.”

And with all this warning, there are many members of Chapters under this jurisdiction who have no recorded marks. Such can only result from neglect of duty by High Priests and Secretaries; and when the member thus offending is duly notified of his dereliction and fails to comply, he should be dealt with, and suspended or expelled, as the merits of the case may demand.

Companions, while we are here dealing with temporary matters, and discussing things that are strictly ephemeral, we are again reminded that there is another sphere—another condition—which we are all sooner or later to be called upon to occupy. In looking over this assemblage of familiar faces, we find that one, more venerable than any of us—one borne down by the weight of four score and six years—one whose zeal for our Order, and charity for his fellow-man is excelled by none, is no longer of our number. On the 30th day of July last, our worthy and excellent Grand Chaplain, SAMUEL GRAVES, departed this life, full of years, honored and respected by all who knew him; he has gone to the mysterious land. No eulogy or laudations pronounced by me could more than do him justice. He has been a constant attendant and participator in the acts of all the Masonic Grand Bodies since their organization on this coast. Of him it may be truly said, that he was the Nestor among us. The pressure of his great age and worldly cares could not deter him from his duties here. He was ever at his post, discharging his duty; and by his humane character and gentlemanly deportment in all the walks of life, he has left an impression upon us that time cannot eradicate. Peace to his ashes!

Companions, my official career with you will soon cease; and thanking you most sincerely for the high honor you have conferred on me, and with a fervent wish for your prosperity and the perpetuity of our time-honored Institution, I respectfully submit my acts for your consideration.

WILEY JAMES TINNIN,

*Grand High Priest.*

Which Address was ordered to be referred to a special Committee of three.

The Deputy Grand High Priest named as such committee—

On Grand High Priest's Address :.....	}	Comp. Jonathan Doan Hines,
		" Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,
		" Thomas Callow.

The Grand Secretary presented his Annual Report, as follows :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

The undersigned respectfully presents the following report of the transactions of his office since the last Annual Convocation :—

Within thirty days after the close of the Convocation of 1880, the proceedings thereat were printed and the usual number distributed, as follows : One copy to each of the Grand Officers and elective Past Grand Officers ; one copy to each of our representatives near other Grand Chapters ; four copies to each subordinate Chapter of our jurisdiction ; and three copies were transmitted to each of the Grand Chapters with which we are in communication.

The Chapters to which charters were granted at the last Grand Convocation were properly constituted and the officers thereof duly installed, as follows :—

*Lakeport Chapter, No. 54, by M. E. WILEY J. TINNIN, Grand High Priest ;*

*And Bodie Chapter, No. 55, by Comp. GEORGE H. WINTERBURN, Past High Priest, specially authorized by the Grand High Priest for that purpose. The letter of authorization, with the respective reports, are herewith submitted.*

On the seventeenth day of May, 1880, by order of the Grand High Priest, a dispensation was issued to Comps. ROBERT RUFUS BROWN, ROBERT GILMORE CUNNINGHAM, JOHN DUSTIN BICKNELL, and six other companions, to form and open a Chapter at Los Angeles, Los Angeles County, to be called *Signal Chapter* ;

And on the ninth day of August, 1880, a dispensation was issued to Comps. HORACE COWEN ROLFE, GEORGE LORD, JOHN THOMPSON KNOX, and eight other companions, to form and open a Chapter at San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, to be called *Keystone Chapter*. The petitions for the dispensations, and all the papers required by the Constitution, Record Books, By-Laws, and returned dispensations, together with the petitions for perpetuation by charter, are herewith submitted for reference to the usual committee.

During the year the following special dispensations have been issued, by order of the Grand High Priest :—

On the twenty-fourth day of June, 1880, to *Sacramento Chapter, No. 3*, to ballot on petition for the degrees within the period of time prescribed in the Constitution :

On the twelfth day of March, 1881, to *Alturas Chapter, No. 34*, and on March twenty-second, 1881, to *Modesto Chapter, No. 49*, to elect officers of the respective Chapters at a time other than that named in the Constitution.

Commissions to representatives of this Grand Chapter near other Grand Chapters have been issued, as follows :—

December fourteenth, 1880, to Comp. SAMUEL SHANNON, near the Grand Chapter of Illinois ;

And on March fifteenth, 1881, to Comp. WILLIAM M. DOUGHTY, near the Grand Chapter of Tennessee, vice TOWNSEND A. THOMAS, removed from the jurisdiction.

Amendments to the By-Laws of several of the subordinate Chapters, relating to changes in the amounts of fees and dues and in the time of holding the stated meetings, and all approved, save one, by the M. E. Grand High Priest, are herewith submitted for reference to the proper committee.

It is with much satisfaction that the undersigned is enabled to report Royal Arch Masonry in a more prosperous condition in the jurisdiction than was shown in his last Annual Report. At that time there was a net decrease for the year of forty-three; whereas the returns of the present year show a material increase, as will appear from the following:—

Number exalted during the year, .....	147
“   affiliated, .....	48
“   petitioners for new Chapters, .....	20
Restored .....	21
<b>Total increase, .....</b>	<b>236</b>
Number withdrawn, .....	69
“   excluded, .....	19
“   suspended for non-payment of dues, .....	50
“   suspended for unmasonic conduct, .....	1
“   expelled, .....	2
“   died, .....	36
<b>Total decrease, .....</b>	<b>177</b>
<b>Net increase, .....</b>	<b>59</b>

The above is exclusive of *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, from which no returns have been received, though frequently written to urging the necessity therefor. Had that Chapter reported, as was its duty to do, the net gain would doubtless have been materially increased.

The following is a statement of the financial transactions of the Grand Secretary's office for the year:—

Received from subordinate Chapters for dues to January 31st, 1881, .....	\$3412 00
“   “ <i>Signet</i> Chapter, dispensation fee, .....	75 00
“   “   “   “   dues to April 1st, 1881, .....	49 00
“   “   “   “   charter fee, .....	50 00
“   “ <i>Keystone</i> Chapter, dispensation fee, .....	75 00
“   “   “   “   dues to April 1st, 1881, .....	82 00
“   “   “   “   charter fee, .....	50 00
“   “   dispensations to elect officers, .....	10 00
“   “   “   to ballot on petitions, .....	5 00
“   “   seventeen diplomas, .....	34 00
“   “   sale of proceedings, (8 pamphlets,) .....	4 00
“   “   dividends Masonic Hall Association, (5 dividends,) .....	720 00

Making total receipts for the year, .....

\$4566 00

Amount paid to Grand Treasurer, as per his receipts herewith presented, .....

\$4566 00

Thirty-two warrants have been drawn upon the Grand Treasurer,

amounting in the aggregate to, .....

\$3430 50

All which is respectfully submitted.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,  
Grand Secretary.

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.

The Grand Treasurer presented his Annual Report, as follows:—

To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—

The undersigned respectfully begs leave to submit the following report of the receipts and disbursements of the Grand Treasurer since the last Annual Convocation:—

H. T. GRAVES, *Grand Treasurer, in account with the Grand Chapter  
of California.*

1880.		DR.	
April 14.	Balance on hand as per last report,	\$4852 58	
May 1.	Received from Grand Secretary,	\$141 00	
" 18.	" " " "	77 00	
June 30.	" " " "	10 00	
July 15.	" " " "	140 00	
Aug. 19.	" " " "	77 00	
Nov. 1.	" " " "	141 00	
Feb. 4.	" " " "	569 00	
" 8.	" " " "	623 00	
" 9.	" " " "	568 00	
" 14.	" " " "	519 00	
" 18.	" " " "	486 00	
March 2.	" " " "	482 00	
" 19.	" " " "	283 00	
April 11.	" " " "	450 00	
		<u>4566 00</u>	
1880.			CR.
April 14.	Paid delegates, as per pay roll,	\$1031 80	
	" Grand Officers, "	132 50	
	" expenses Grand Secretary's office, vouchers Nos. 1, 8, 9, 16, 19, 21, 22, 26, 28, and 31,	114 40	
	" salary of Grand Secretary, vouchers Nos. 2, 6, 12, 14, 15, 18, 20, 23, 25, 27, 30, and 32,	1800 00	
	" furniture for Grand Secretary's office, vouchers Nos. 10, 24, and 29,	92 75	
	" Grand Organist, voucher No. 3,	25 00	
	" dues to General Grand Chapter, voucher No. 4,	234 70	
	" Grand Guard, voucher No. 5,	25 00	
	" printing proceedings, voucher No. 7,	701 85	
	" rent of Grand Secretary's office, 12 months, voucher No. 11,	300 00	
	" painting portrait of Past Grand High Priest N. W. SPAULDING, voucher No. 13,	75 00	
	" Record Book forms, voucher No. 17,	61 80	
		<u>\$4594 80</u>	
	Balance on hand,	4823 78	
		<u>\$9418 58</u>	<u>\$9418 58</u>
			DR.
	Balance on hand,	\$4823 78	
	Requirements for expenses current year,	4300 00	
	Leaving balance of,	<u>\$523 78</u>	
			CR.
	Assets of the Grand Chapter—cash on hand,	\$4823 78	
	Nine hundred shares Masonic Hall stock,	9000 00	
		<u>\$13,823 78</u>	

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. T. GRAVES,  
*Grand Treasurer.*

Which report was referred to the Committee on Finances.









The Committee on Education presented an interesting report, in which we find the following gratifying intelligence :—

"At no time in the history of our State has the subject of education been more thoroughly agitated than in the past year; men whose hearts are in the work have stirred the people; the better judgment of men has taken the upper seat, and the education of the rising generation seems to be the great object of parents, citizens and law makers; commerce and finance have resumed the busy airs of yore; factories, stores and farms seem to have new life in them.

"Amid all this bustle and stir, the school house has not been forgotten; every city has its college, every town its high school, and every district its common school. Probably no child in Arkansas to-day lives out of walking distance of a school."

We congratulate our companions of Arkansas upon this evidence of awakening interest in the all important subject of education, and are rejoiced to know that every boy and girl in the State, although their residence may be somewhat remote from the fountain of knowledge, can at least acquire the rudiments of a good education.

The Committee on Appeals and Grievances presented a report, in which they congratulated their companions upon the fact that no business had been presented for their consideration.

The following question was presented for adjudication: Chapter No. 24 conferred the preparatory degrees upon a companion, who removed to the jurisdiction of Chapter No. 43. He obtained from his Chapter a certificate, showing that he was a Most Excellent Master in good standing, and authorizing any Chapter to exalt him. Chapter No. 43 accepted, elected and exalted him, and reported him as a member. "To which Chapter does he belong?"

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the matter was referred, very properly decided that he belonged to Chapter No. 43.

The Report on Correspondence is conspicuous by its absence; we presume for pecuniary reasons. We hope, however, that in the course of another year our companions of Arkansas will find themselves in the possession of a Treasury sufficiently pléthoric to justify the publication of this important report.

The Finance Committee report a balance in the Treasury of \$505.19.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The Twenty-ninth Annual Communication was held in the City of Little Rock on the Friday preceding the fourth Tuesday in November, 1880. The proceedings not having been printed, of course no review of them can be given.

#### CANADA.

The twenty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Canada was held in the city of Guelph on the sixteenth day of July, 1880,—the *M. E.* DANIEL SPRY, Grand Z., presiding, the *R. E.* DAVID McLELLAN being Grand Scribe E. Fifty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand Z. is an ably written and very interesting paper.

He reports Royal Arch Masonry in Canada to be in an exceedingly prosperous condition; harmony prevails, and no disturbing element mars the general concord. He considers the change of the time of holding the Annual Convocation to be an advantage, as the Grand Lodge, Great Priory of Knights Templar, and other Masonic Bodies holding their meetings during the same week, will permit a larger attendance, and "give the Grand Chapter the benefit of the experience and knowledge of many learned companions who have done good service to the Craft in other branches of Freemasonry."

We trust the anticipations of the Grand Z. may be realized; but in California, experience has taught us the fallacy of such hopes. Formerly, our Annual Convocations were held immediately after the Annual Communications of the Grand Lodge, but it was found that when the business of the Grand Lodge was transacted, a general exodus took place; all were in haste to return to their homes and resume their

interrupted avocations, and consequently the attendance upon the Grand Chapter was by no means what it should have been. For this reason, the Annual Convocations of the two Grand Bodies was fixed as far apart as possible; the Grand Lodge meeting in October, and the Grand Chapter in April. The result has been that both are well attended.

Of the great influence which Masonry exerts, he says:—

“The large number of intelligent men from every rank of life, who have during the present week withdrawn, for a period, from their several busy vocations, for the purpose of taking counsel together, in the interest of the fraternity, exemplifies in the strongest possible manner, the powerful influence which Freemasonry has over its votaries. It points out to those who are skeptical regarding its usefulness, that unless the institution was founded on the purest principles of piety and virtue, and its members had an unswerving faith in the approval of the *Great I Am*, our labors would be in vain.”

Dispensations were granted for the formation of two new Chapters, but not “until the most careful inquiry had been made as to the ability of the companions who were to occupy the principal positions, and the prospect of suitable material being had to sustain the Chapters.”

The warrant of one Chapter was surrendered. Three special dispensations only were granted, while several were denied; the sentiment of the Grand Chapter being averse to the extensive exercise of this prerogative of the Grand Z.

Uniformity of work is earnestly inculcated, while the practice of allowing visiting companions or members to take part in the ceremonies, who do not work according to the recognized Ritual, is properly denounced.

Upon the subject of non-payment of dues he says:—

“My attention has been forcibly directed to the large and increasing number of companions annually suspended by subordinate Chapters for non-payment of dues, and the time has arrived when Grand Chapter, in the true interests of Capitular Masonry, should deal with this important and difficult subject, with a view to prevent the reckless and indiscriminate slaughter of every companion who cannot meet the demands made upon him. To those who are unable to pay, it is apparently said:—

“Plank down, plank your shekels,  
Don't say you can't afford;  
You had better let other creditors wait,  
Than try to cheat the Lord.

“For God loveth a cheerful giver,  
No matter, down with the dust,  
Pay freely, willingly, if you choose,  
But anyhow, pay you must.”

“Companions who possess the means of paying and *will not*, deserve but little consideration; but as to those who are willing to pay, but for want of means *cannot*, it is the refinement of cruelty to cut them off from Masonic fellowship with their companions, for an offense that is not a crime, but a misfortune. If as much energy were displayed in quietly ascertaining the ability of our members to meet the demands made upon them, as is sometimes exhibited by companions who possess more zeal than discretion in “touting” for candidates to join the Chapters, there would be less suspensions for non-payment of dues, or indeed for any other cause.”

In California, it is only against those who “possess the means of paying, and *will not*,” that the penalty for non-payment is enforced. If a companion is unable to pay his dues, he has only to say so, and further time is given him, or they are remitted altogether. Due notice is given of his arrearages, and if he pays no attention to this notice, he is guilty of contempt and deserves no consideration.

We are pleased to see that a “sober second thought” has induced our companions of Canada to reverse their former decision, that a Mason's standing in his Lodge had no effect upon his Chapter membership. We are not surprised that a doctrine so utterly indefensible should have been so soon abandoned. The adverse criticisms of nearly every Committee on Correspondence in the United States have carried with them a convincing force which has proved effectual, and in Canada the anomaly no

longer exists of a Mason suspended or expelled by his Lodge, associating in full fellowship with Royal Arch Masons.

Upon this subject the Grand Z. says:—

"The decision given by some of my predecessors, 'that suspension by a Craft Lodge does not affect the standing of the companion in the Chapter,' has led to considerable discussion among Royal Arch Masons. It is claimed, and apparently with much reason, that a member under suspension by a Lodge should not be permitted to remain in good standing in a Chapter, as it is not consistent with the honor and dignity of the Royal Craft that suspended Masons should be permitted to associate on terms of equality in the Chapter with those who cannot meet them in a Lodge. Nor can I avoid calling your attention to the fact that a companion might meet with us to-day in Grand Chapter, who could not have met with us *yesterday* in Grand Lodge, being at the time under suspension by a Lodge. It can hardly be conducive to the well-being of Capitalar Masonry to permit such a state of matters to continue, and I cannot believe it to be right. I invite your careful consideration of this question, feeling assured that after your have done so, Grand Chapter will declare that suspension by a Lodge for un-Masonic conduct, carries with it the penalty of suspension in the Chapter without further trial."

The committee to whom the address of the Grand Z. was referred, reported as follows:—

"Your committee cordially agree with the views expressed by the M. E. the Grand Z. on the subject of the effect of Lodge suspension upon Chapter membership, and hope that in the revision of the Constitution, now being proceeded with, the regulations on this point will be amended in accordance with his suggestions."

The Constitution was so amended, and Section XVI now reads:—

"When the Grand Lodge or any other competent authority shall, for any un-Masonic conduct, suspend or expel any brother who is a Royal Arch Mason, such companion shall be suspended or expelled from his Arch Masonic functions for the period whilst such craft suspensions or expulsion continue in force."

This amendment, with many others, lies over until the next Annual Convocation, but there is no doubt of its final adoption.

Representatives were exchanged with twenty Grand Chapters. In making his appointments, the Grand Z. says:—

"I must confess that I have seriously considered whether there is any real necessity for Representatives, and if after all, it would not be well to dispense with them altogether and leave their duties to be performed by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence. After maturely examining into the working of the system, I am of opinion that a Representative can be useful in many ways, and in order that the position might be improved, I would suggest that a clause be inserted in the Constitution, which would require every Representative of this Grand Chapter to submit an annual report to the Grand Z., prior to the meeting of Grand Chapter, on the condition of Capitalar Masonry in the jurisdiction where he resides, and failure to do so for two years to render the position vacant. In this way the Grand Chapter would annually know something of the duties now performed by those esteemed companions. And a companion should not be permitted to represent more than one Grand Chapter."

In the following remarks upon Masonic funerals we fully concur:—

"Some discussion has lately taken place in the Masonic press regarding the proper Masonic clothing to be worn at the funeral of a deceased brother, and the place to be assigned in the procession to Royal Arch Masons, and Masons who have attained to the higher degrees. There is no funeral ceremony in connection with Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, and, although the Constitution permits the attendance at funerals of Royal Arch Masons properly clothed as such, it would be much better if *all* Freemasons would, on such occasions, appear in the more simple and appropriate clothing usually worn by Master Masons."

He pays the Grand Scribe E., Comp. DAVID McLELLAN, a well deserved compliment for efficiency and fidelity in the discharge of his duties.

The financial condition of the Grand Chapter is sound, as the cash on hand and invested amounts to \$7,335 38.

From the reports of the Grand Superintendents of Districts, we infer that Royal Arch Masonry in our sister jurisdiction is enjoying an average degree of prosperity.

The usual complaints are made of lack of zeal and interest on the part of some of the subordinate Chapters, but on the whole, the outlook is encouraging. Harmony prevails throughout the jurisdiction, and the most cordial and fraternal relations exist between the Grand Chapter and its contemporaries abroad.

The Report of the Committee on Ritual was received and adopted, and the thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to the committee for their arduous labors during the year.

A testimonial consisting of a handsome piece of plate, suitably engraved, was presented to M<sup>r</sup>. E<sup>r</sup>. Comp. F. J. MERRER, Past Grand Z., with a fraternal letter from the committee appointed to procure it asking his acceptance thereof, which was appropriately responded to by the recipient.

Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON presents another able Report on Correspondence, reviewing the transactions of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, among them California for 1879-80. He quotes the Pennsylvania Resolutions, endorsed by our Grand Chapter in 1879, upon which he comments as follows:—

"This resolution is identical with one passed by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, and, as it affects us, we will probably have something to say about it hereafter. In the meantime, we may here record our opinion that the declaration complained of is not a violation of either Masonic law or usage, but on the contrary it is strictly in accordance with both. The Grand Chapter of California followed the example of Pennsylvania in this matter, on the earnest recommendation of the G. H. P., Comp. BROWN, who believes that the declaration thus to be exacted of visitors 'is eminently proper, and should have rigid enforcement,' because in California, suspension from the Lodge is suspension from the Chapter. It does not appear to have occurred to Comp. BROWN, that the exclusion of visitors who are in good standing in their own jurisdictions, is a violation of Masonic comity, and a direct blow at the universality of our Institution."

With the peculiar ideas entertained by Comp. ROBERTSON,—that an expelled or suspended Mason is good enough for the Chapter—we are not surprised at the dissatisfaction he expresses in the foregoing remarks. But with the "change of base" of his Grand Chapter upon this question, and in view of the very general endorsement of the resolutions in question by the Committees on Correspondence in the United States, we confidently look for a modification of his views. Comp. ROBERTSON's recorded opinion that the declaration by several Grand Chapters of the United States, that "a companion suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons for non-payment of dues, is not suspended in his Chapter, but continues a member in good standing of the same, with all its rights and privileges," is "not a violation of either Masonic law or usage, but, on the contrary, is strictly in accordance with both," will, we opine, find but few advocates.

When the refusal to hold Masonic intercourse with suspended Masons becomes "a violation of Masonic comity, and a direct blow at the universality of our Institution," we are going to become a universal violator, and strike that "direct blow" straight from the shoulder.

He quotes with approval the decisions of Comp. SPAULDING, and speaks in complimentary terms of our reports, for which our thanks are due.

Under the head of Maine, he quotes the following from Comp. DRUMMOND's Report:—

"He replies, but does not answer our question.

"It is not whether a non-affiliated Mason is in good standing; it is not whether the members of the Chapter are not as well qualified to try an accused as his Lodge, but it is whether an expelled Mason—one no longer a Master Mason in any sense of the term—can be a Royal Arch Mason. When a part equals the whole, he may be—and not till then. We perceive that he is defending the express provisions of the Constitution of his Grand Chapter; but we believe that no case has ever happened in which a Chapter or the Grand Chapter has ever reversed the decision of the Grand Lodge, and ventured to declare an expelled Master Mason to be a Royal Arch Mason in good standing, and what is more, we don't believe the case ever will happen. The Chapter degrees do not alone make a man a Royal Arch Mason; it takes all seven degrees; and no man is a Royal Arch Mason who does not possess and cannot lawfully use all

the degrees, from Entered Apprentice to Royal Arch, inclusive. It is true that it seems a hardship that a companion may lose his Chapter rights by action of his Lodge. But such is the nature of the Institution, and arises from building on degrees over which we have no control. If we build upon the foundation of another, over which we have no control, we must not complain if he removes it and tumbles down our house without our consent. It is no real hardship, for we understood the situation when we builded, and we accepted the consequences. We must still ask our esteemed companion, "Can one, who is not a Master Mason, be a Royal Arch Mason?"

Again, Comp. ROBERTSON "replies, but does not answer the question." He says:—

"We were under the impression that we had answered this question very clearly, but it appears that we are mistaken. Our reply was intended for an answer, but the difference of opinion will probably continue to exist. We have certain provisions in our Constitution governing these cases. We believe they are proper and consistent. They define the relations, and all the relations, that exist between our Chapter and Lodges. When a question arises as to these relations, we decide it according to the provisions of our Constitution. In other jurisdictions, different laws prevail, and the same question would there receive a different answer. We are still of the opinion that the two bodies, Lodge and Chapter, should be considered as separate and distinct organizations; that membership in each should be determined by the laws of each, and that membership in one should not be dependent on the laws of the other."

It is very evident that Comp. ROBERTSON cannot give a categorical answer to the simple question propounded by Comp. DRUMMOND, without entirely receding from the position occupied by him. We advise him to retire as gracefully as possible from a position which is utterly untenable, acknowledge his error, and receive absolution.

The seventy-six Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 3,455.

The Grand Z. and Grand Scribe E. were re-elected.

#### COLORADO.

The Sixth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Denver on the twenty-fifth day of September, 1880, the *M. E.* JOHN R. HAMBEL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ED. C. PARMELEE being Grand Secretary.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally directed to local affairs. His official acts were few and of the usual routine character.

He speaks in glowing terms of the hospitality and courtesy manifested by the companions of Detroit at the late triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, saying: "Their efforts to welcome their guests were only equalled by their bountiful hospitality, and the 'Beautiful City of the Straits' deserves well the admiration of all; and all will speak with pleasing recollections of their companions who so arduously labored to please."

Of the next triennial Convocation, to be held at Denver, he says: "That we should be so favored, is no commonplace compliment to our State and its Royal Craft." He recommended that a committee be appointed to make all necessary preliminary arrangements to insure the comfort and convenience of the expected visitors in 1883.

He called the attention of the Grand Chapter to the little unpleasantness which had occurred between the Grand Chapter of Missouri and Comp. BYERS, its Representative near the Grand Chapter of Colorado, and stated that he had received a communication from Comp. BYERS upon the subject; but what the nature of the communication was is not revealed. The matter was referred to a committee, who reported as follows:—

"We, the Special Committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's address relating to that part of Comp. BYERS' report on African Grand R. A. Chapter of Missouri in annual report of 1878, would respectfully report that we have read Comp. BYERS' report, and the criticisms of the Grand High Priest of Missouri, wherein he suggests that the commission of Comp. BYERS be revoked; also the report of the committee endorsing said suggestion; and while we acknowledge with sorrow that the Grand chapter of Missouri was justified in that action, we would

plead for Comp. BYERS that no insult was intended, and that he, as well as this Grand Chapter, do disown any recognition of African Masonry; and we would further recommend that that portion of Comp. BYERS' correspondence relating to African Masonry be expunged from the records.

The report was adopted; but just how that expunging process is to be accomplished is a puzzler to us. The records of the Grand Chapter of Colorado which contain the obnoxious matter have been published and sent forth to the world, and have been copied and commented upon by many reporters of other jurisdictions. To obliterate that record is therefore impossible.

A charter was granted to *Leadville* Chapter under dispensation, at Leadville.

Our Pennsylvania brethren of the Mark degree will scarcely feel complimented by the following:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the question of recognition of Pennsylvania Mark Master Masons, have to report that we have been unable to inform ourselves as to the *status* of said Mark Masters in their own State, or of the jurisdiction under which said Mark Lodges are organized or by what Masonic body controlled. We therefore recommend that until such time as their legal Masonic standing shall be established such alleged Mark Masters be not recognized. Should a brother claiming recognition as a Mark Master satisfy the Chapter to which he may apply as to his legal Masonic standing as such, he may be recognized accordingly, being first formally healed before advancement to the succeeding degree."

The Grand Treasurer presented a certified check for the balance on hand, amounting to \$1,335 26.

Comp. R. W. WOODBURY presented a Report on Correspondence of the double condensed order; briefly noticing the proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters, California for 1880 being of the number. Louisiana, Massachusetts, Nova Scotia, and Quebec are disposed of in three lines each, while California is honored with two inches of space. The chief information conveyed in the report, is the names of the Grand High Priests and Grand Secretaries. Such reports are not economical, for the money spent for their printing is so much wasted. Colorado can do better, and we have no doubt Comp. WOODBURY would have made an excellent report, had his hands not been fettered by fear of the expense. There are portions of the report which give sufficient evidence of his ability if allowed reasonable latitude, and as the Grand Chapter appears to be in comfortable circumstances pecuniarily, we hope to have a full report next year.

There are ten subordinate Chapters on the registry, having a total membership of 462.

The *M. E.* JOHN S. TITCOMB was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* ED. C. PARMELEE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Denver on the twenty-first day of September, A. D. 1881.

#### CONNECTICUT.

This Grand Chapter held its eighty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Hartford on the eleventh day of May, 1880,—the *M. E.* DWIGHT WAUGH, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. K. WHEELER being Grand Secretary. Thirty out of thirty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a well written paper, and exhibits a careful attention to the interests of the Craft during his term of office.

He feelingly announces the death of Comp. ISRAEL MARTIN BULLOCK, Past Grand Master of Masons in Connecticut, and pays an affectionate tribute to his memory.

He also pays a loving tribute to the memory of the lamented Comp. CONSON, of New Jersey, which he closes with the following beautiful peroration:—

"Over that grave may vernal winds breathe softly, and summer's choicest flowers exhale their sweetness; there shall winter spread her whitest mantle, and the broad Delaware, as she murmurs on to the sea, forever chant his silent requiem."



His official acts are clearly and concisely stated, and were approved by the Grand Chapter. He had granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter, and several special dispensations for sundry purposes. Representatives were appointed near the Grand Chapters of Nevada, Iowa, Delaware, Canada, Maryland, and Missouri, and reciprocal appointments were received from the Grand Bodies named.

His pertinent and well conceived remarks relative to the qualifications which should characterize those who aspire to the honorable and dignified office of High Priest, meet our fullest concurrence. He says:—

“The High Priest of a Chapter should not only be a man of good morals, and fair standing in the community in which he lives; he should not only be a zealous Mason and anxious to promote the best interests of the Chapter over which he is called to preside, but he should also be especially careful to preserve our Ritual and ceremonies in their purity and integrity. He should always bear in mind that to him for the time being, is committed the work promulgated by the Grand Chapter, and that he is to regard it as his special trust. He should remember that the Grand Chapter alone is responsible for the work adopted and set forth, and that it is not within his province to add to, or take from, or in any particular, change this Ritual committed to his charge. He should not only be careful that his own use and rendering of this ritual are in strict conformity to the standard, but he should exact the same care and correctness from his subordinates.

“Especially should he be careful to see that nothing is allowed in conferring the degrees that shall annoy or offend the most fastidious candidate. That the degrees of Past Master and the Royal Arch, those fields where liberty, if not restrained and guided, is so apt to degenerate into license, are preserved from that levity and roughness which mar the work, and destroy the usefulness of so many Chapters. He should instruct his companions that to teach the duties appertaining to the chair, is not to insult or maltreat those we are professing to teach. That to exemplify the lesson of humility, is not to degrade the candidate to the reptiles crawling. That to illustrate the rough and rugged path of life, is not to reduce our ceremonies to the level of a college hazing. I charge you, my companions, on whose head rests the High Priest's mitre, be swift to rebuke all untimely levity and trifling with those who are receiving the beautiful lessons of the Chapter. Our candidates seek to be exalted to the sublime; let them not be degraded to the ridiculous.

“If you would have our Chapters what they were intended to be, sources of light and instruction, calculated to impart great moral lessons, and the means of elevating all who pass their portals, I beg you to take home with you these few plain suggestions, and make them guiding principles in the government of all our Chapters.”

His ideas upon the subject of consolidating the Council degrees with those of the Chapter are eminently sound, and completely express our own views. We extract the following:—

“Granting that their origin and formation may have been somewhat irregular and open to criticism, their long existence and the constant recognition they have received from the other bodies of the York Rite, has sufficed to thoroughly establish them as a part of our American system of Masonry. To break up this system, established for more than half a century, and to turn over its degrees to another body already possessing degrees amply sufficient to render the learning of their ritual a burden, seems a measure of doubtful expediency, if not the violation of a landmark. In addition to this, if this plan can be carried to a general consummation, if this precedent can become established, why may not our Grand Chapters, at any time in the future, using this same plea of economy, abdicate their powers and turn over to the Grand Lodges, not only the degrees legitimately their own, but those acquired by this extraordinary bargain, and thus to the confusion already existing be added fresh elements, and the noble superstructure on which our fathers so long labored and builded, by the hands of their recreant posterity be razed to the ground.”

The Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe each submitted a report, but they are confined to matters of local interest.

Resolutions were adopted, levying a *per capita* assessment of twenty cents, and appropriating a sum sufficient to defray the actual expenditures of the first four Grand Officers in making their official visits to the subordinate Chapters.

The committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address, relative to the consolidation scheme, reported as follows:—

“Your committee to whom was referred so much of the address of the Grand High Priest as refers to the consolidation of the Chapter and Council rites, have

had the same under consideration, and fully agree with the remarks of our *M. E.* Grand High Priest upon the subject, and believe it is not wise to change or disturb the present system, but rather to expend our energies in developing and strengthening it. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

*Resolved*, That, our Representatives to the General Grand Chapter be instructed to oppose any proposition there presented which is designed to secure the adoption by the Grand Chapters of the custody and control of the degrees of Cryptic Masonry."

The Report on Correspondence, presented by Comp. JOHN H. BARLOW, contains an able and courteous review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, California for 1879 being of the number. He says: "The Address of Comp. BROWNE is an able business paper," and is pleased to speak in complimentary terms of our report of that year.

In his review of Maryland, he says: "Comp. SCHULTZ objects to our resolutions of 1879, forbidding Chapters to receive the applications of non-affiliated Master Masons." "We heartily endorse the resolutions. If a brother is satisfied to lead the life of a drone in the Lodge, it is not probable that he will discover and bring to light much of value to strengthen the Royal Arch."

Comp. BARLOW is somewhat chary of his comments, preferring rather to give the views of others, than to express his own. His extracts, however, are judiciously chosen, and his report of eighty-three pages contains much valuable information for the Craft in general.

There are thirty-seven chartered Chapters and one under dispensation in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 4,027, showing a gain during the year of 217.

The *M. E.* DWIGHT PHELPS was elected Grand High Priest, and the *R. E.* JOSEPH K. WHEELER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of New Haven on the second Tuesday in May, A. D. 1881.

#### DELAWARE.

The Grand Chapter of Delaware held its twelfth Annual Convocation in the city of Wilmington on the twenty-first day of January, 1880,—the *M. E.* A. G. COX, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* GEORGE W. STONE being Grand Secretary. All the subordinate Chapters, six in number, were represented.

In his Address, the Grand High Priest announces the death of Comp. JOHN AIKIN, Jr., Past Grand Scribe, who had filled the positions of Master of his Lodge, High Priest of his Chapter, and Commander of his Commandery, with credit to himself and acceptability to the Craft. Of him it is said:—

"His work was not done, yet his column is broken,  
Mourn ye and weep, for ye cherish his worth;  
Let every tear drop be sympathy's token,  
Lost to the Brotherhood, lost to the Earth."

He reports the past year to have been a quiet one throughout the jurisdiction, and regrets that he is not able to report Capitular Masonry in a more flourishing condition, yet he says the year has been marked by concord, harmony, and good feeling, and not a single case had been brought to his notice for adjudication in any way calculated to disturb the peace which prevails among the Craft.

The following complaint is not confined to the jurisdiction of Delaware:—

"There are, however, in all of our Chapters, a large number who are Royal Arch Masons only in name; who, while they have a name to live, are dead, and cannot be depended upon in any emergency. Many of these very same members were once active workers, and shared largely in the honors and emoluments of Masonry, but now that they have been superseded by others, have lost all interest in the welfare of Lodge and Chapter, thus demonstrating that their former zeal was only actuated by a desire for the loaves and fishes."

But one decision is reported, and that was upon the interminable and all-pervading question of non-payment of dues. The substance of the case was as follows: A

subordinate Chapter had upon its roll a number of members who were in arrears for dues from two to three years. The Chapter did not desire to suspend them if it could help it, but wished to avoid the burden of paying Grand Chapter dues for them. The question was, could they not quietly drop them from the roll, and thus avoid the tribute to the Grand Chapter?

To this the Grand High Priest replied as follows:—

“Inasmuch as no action of a subordinate Chapter can set aside a provision of a Grand Chapter, which in this case requires the payment of fifty cents for every member in good standing in a subordinate Chapter; and as no member can be deprived of any of his rights, benefits or privileges without the necessary form of trial, after specific charges have been brought, and reasonable time for defence given, therefore until such trial is had, and the penalty of suspension declared, the member must be regarded as in good standing, and subject to the payment of Grand Chapter dues.”

In this connection the Grand High Priest further remarks:—

“I presume that what Companion LAWSON has written as a fact concerning his own Chapter, is equally true with regard to all the Chapters throughout the jurisdiction. Now, while there may be a few who cannot pay their dues because of inability, there is a very large class composing the membership of our Chapters—returned annually to this Grand Chapter as members in good standing, who have not paid one cent of dues for years. These very same persons are honest and just in their transactions with the outside world; yet they fail just here to comprehend the obligations which they assumed in entering upon a Masonic life. The time has come when Masons should understand that no man can be a true Mason who neglects this important duty—and who, while he lives in the enjoyment of the benefits it affords, refuses to contribute towards its support.

“I hope the companions will pardon me, if I relate just here an anecdote, which has an important bearing upon this question of non-payment of dues:

“On one occasion a minister was taking up a collection for some object connected with his church, and towards which a very few contributed, while a very large number gave nothing. The minister, hearing the true state of the case, politely requested those who had not contributed to arise and unite in singing that good old hymn, ‘I am glad Salvation’s Free.’

“I am afraid there are too many among us, who not only believe in a free salvation, but in a free Masonry as well. Now, this state of things is all wrong, and ought not to be suffered longer, for he who will not pay, ought not to eat. And the sooner we get rid of this class of Masons, the better it will be for all concerned.”

How much difficulty our companions of other jurisdictions might avoid if they would only adopt the simple California rule in such cases, which may be briefly stated as follows: Pay if you are *able*, or submit to the penalty. If you are *unable* to pay, we will forgive you the debt. This saves all further trouble, and no injustice is done. The rolls are not burdened with a long list of determined delinquents; the Chapters are not put to the trouble and expense of preferring charges, summoning the delinquent to appear, and enacting the farce of a formal trial upon charges, which, by their very nature, are already proven. With us, these questions and answers are sufficient: Is the companion delinquent? Yes. Has he been notified of the fact? Yes. Has he rendered any excuse for his delinquency? No. Then, “off goes his head; so much for Buckingham.” Some of our contemporaries have characterized this as a very summary proceeding; but *summary* as it may be, it has relieved the “winter of our discontent,” and the best proof of its propriety is that it *works admirably*.

With the experience of Iowa, and others of our sister Grand Chapters before us, we were somewhat surprised to find the following recommendation from the Grand High Priest:

“As the preparation of a Report on Foreign Correspondence involves a vast amount of labor, which as a general thing has to be performed by the chairman of the committee alone, and as it is not always possible to find a companion willing to devote so much time as is required to this important work; I would recommend that the Representatives of other Grand Chapters near this Grand Chapter be constituted a Committee on Foreign Correspondence, whose duty it shall be to review the proceedings of the Grand Chapter which they represent.”

The committee to whom the Grand High Priest's Address was referred, offered a resolution embodying the above recommendation, which was adopted.

It will not do, companions; the experiment has been tried, and proved a most ridiculous failure. The Grand High Priest evidently took a "sober second thought," for among his appointments of committees, we find a full fledged Committee on Correspondence, with Comp. W. G. W. LEWIS at its head, and we hope for a full report next year. Comp. LEWIS was appointed to write the report for the present year, but owing to a long and severe illness, he was prevented from giving it the necessary attention, and per consequence, we are treated to a doubly concentrated essence of a report which only acts as an appetizer.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$7 59; this, with the amount of \$5 00 due from a subordinate Chapter, makes the total assets, present and prospective, \$12 59. Last year an appropriation of \$30 was made to provide a lunch for the members, of which sum \$27 85 was expended for that purpose; how the "hankering after the flesh-pots" next year is to be appeased, does not appear.

The committee to whom was referred the Address of the Grand High Priest, reported the following resolution, which was adopted:—

*"Resolved, That when members of subordinate Chapters are in arrears two years or more, such Chapters may, at their pleasure, omit their names in their report to the Grand Chapter, until such time as such arrearages are paid, and in case of the payment of the same, the Chapter shall pay the arrearages due the Grand Chapter."*

This negatives the decision of the Grand High Priest, before reported, and allows delinquents of long standing to enjoy all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, except membership in a Chapter and the payment of dues; the last named privilege being one they are only too happy to surrender,

The following resolutions exhibit another advance *backward*; and the record states that they were unanimously adopted:—

*"Resolved, That the resolution passed at the annual Convocation of 1876, relating to the suspension of a companion from membership in subordinate Chapters without trial, be and is hereby rescinded."*

*"Resolved, That in the opinion of this Grand Chapter, a companion can only be suspended, after due trial, and by a vote of the majority of the companions present, at a regular convocation of the Chapter, duly summoned for that purpose."*

Well, it is not our funeral; and if our companions of Delaware are satisfied, we have no reason to complain.

"On motion of M. E. Comp. C. J. HALL, the Grand High Priest was instructed to prepare and present to the General Grand Chapter of the United States, at the next Triennial Convocation, a memorial, representing the hardship under which two Chapters in this jurisdiction are now laboring, owing to the passage of the resolution requiring that there shall be present nine regular Royal Arch Masons, *members of the subordinate Chapter*, before any business can be transacted or work done. And he was further instructed to ask such modification of said resolution as will allow Convocations for business or work, when nine regular Royal Arch Masons are present."

We are of the opinion that no Chapter should be opened for the transaction of business, except nine of its members be present. For simply conferring degrees upon an elected candidate, we do not think any harm would result from a modification of the rule to that extent.

The six subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 320, a decrease of two during the year.

The M. E. JOHN W. LAWSON was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. H. B. MCINTIRE was elected Grand Secretary.

#### DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA.

The fourteenth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Washington on the eighth day of December, 1880,—the M. E. M. TRIMBLE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. C. W. HANCOCK being Grand Secretary. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates his companions upon the evidences of continued prosperity in that jurisdiction, and that death had removed none of their numbers during the year that had passed; but all were again present to "join in counsel with unbroken ranks." He reported that peace and harmony prevailed, the officers of the several Chapters were companions of unexceptionable character, and had exhibited a zeal and ardent devotion to their work, which was truly commendable.

He had visited officially all the subordinate Chapters in the jurisdiction, and in these visitations, following the precedent established by his predecessors, he invited companions of recognized ability to accompany him and address the Chapters visited. Among these visitors is recorded the name of Past Grand High Priest BROWNE, of California, who addressed *Lafayette* Chapter, No. 5, on December 7, 1880, on which occasion that Chapter, through one of its Grand High Priests, presented to the Grand Chapter a well executed oil painting of Past Grand High Priest NOBLE D. LARNER, present General Grand King of the General Grand Chapter. The Grand High Priest, in accepting the gift, stated that "the original of the picture was worthy and well deserving of the compliments and high encomiums which were bestowed upon him," a fact which "nobody can deny."

The Grand High Priest is a warm admirer of the General Grand Chapter, as witness the following:—

"I care not what prejudices may have existed or do exist in the minds of companions against a centralized power in the General Grand Chapter, no one could have visited that convocation in Detroit and left it with the impression that Royal Arch Masonry was in bad hands. In my short experience I was never more impressed with the grandeur of our noble fraternity and the sublimity of Royal Arch Masonry. The North, the South, the East and the West of our vast American territory were there, and the representatives of each section appeared to vie with each other in promoting the same beneficent cause, and all worked with the utmost harmony, and with an earnest desire to accomplish such ends as would redound to the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry throughout our common country. Many questions of material importance which were laid over at the last triennial convocation, were presented for consideration. One of the chief results of these deliberations was the adoption of an amended constitution. The harmonious unanimity which was manifested in the adoption of this instrument was highly gratifying, and the spirit of compromise exhibited by companions representing different features of legislation, was worthy of all praise."

The language quoted has a different ring from that which we were wont to hear from this jurisdiction relative to the General Grand Body; and we are pleased to note the change in sentiment which betokens a kindlier feeling and more filial attachment to our venerable parent.

He is enthusiastic in his praises of the companions and citizens of Detroit for the courtesies and hospitalities shown by them during the "Triennial," and says:—

"It appeared as though every companion in leaving, regretted that his stay could not be prolonged, and the most pleasant recollections and associations cluster around our memory at the name of Detroit."

During his two years term of service nothing of unusual importance had occurred which called for the exhibition of extraordinary ability on his part, and no intricate questions had been presented for adjudication. He considered himself peculiarly fortunate in having associated with him companions of marked ability and thorough knowledge of and devotion to the principles and traditions of the Order, who, when called upon, cheerfully accorded him their counsel and advice. In short, he appears to have had rather a pleasant time, without experiencing many of those anxieties and annoyances which generally do hedge about a Grand High Priest.

He closes his address with the following panegyric upon Masonry:—

"Many there are, who, unprogressive in their proclivities, and unwilling to acknowledge the great triumph of Freemasonry, and blinded by fanaticisms, and seeing only a slight counter current in the great river of Masonic progress, exclaim: 'Masonry is a failure.' So the ignorant spectator standing on the banks of the great

Mississippi, and observing only the counter current formed by a sharp bend in the river, exclaimed in the ecstasy of a new discovery, 'The river flows backwards!' And so the owl sitting among the budding branches in the early spring, whose unexpansive eyes are unable to realize the gorgeous beauties of the rising sun, blinks and winks at the unusual brightness, and appears to say, 'This sunlight is a failure after all'; and yet the great river moves steadily on undisturbed, adding moral strength, health, courage and vitality throughout the civilized world, and the rising sun of popular favor still dazzles the eyes of the anti-Mason. In all modesty we can say that our fraternity has accomplished great and wonderful results. It has progressed preeminently in everything that conduces to the advancement and amelioration of the human race; but let us not, in our pride and prosperity, irreligiously say, 'Our hand hath done this, and the might of our arm hath gained us these victories.' King Solomon—the great and good—forgot his humility and gave himself up to the pride of his own heart, and God was angry with him, and he brought sorrow and trouble on himself and people. As Royal Arch Masons—believing in a Supreme Being, believing in the Bible—let us humbly and at all times attribute our blessings, our grand triumphs and our victories to the true source; not to human genius and intellect alone, but to human genius and intellect inspired, controlled and guided by heavenly wisdom. We can be proud as king Solomon was proud when he stood in the presence of Israel at the door of the gold-lit temple, but let us also imitate our Ancient Grand Master in lowliness of mind, and prostrate ourselves on the earth, and say, 'Not unto us, not unto us, oh Lord, but unto Thee be the praise.' "

The Committee on Grievances found nothing upon which to employ their time and talents.

The Committee on Accounts reported a balance in the Grand Treasurer's hands of \$37 60.

An able Report on Correspondence was presented by Past Grand High Priest NOBLE D. LARNER, covering ninety-two pages, and reviewing the transactions of forty Grand Chapters, several of them for two years. California for 1880 receives due attention at his hands. He quotes liberally from the address of Comp. SPAULDING, and dissents from some of the decisions made by him.

With reference to his decision relative to the right of a companion to object to the reception of a petition, he says:—

"This is a queer decision, according to our view of the law on the subject. We do not think that when a petition is read it becomes the property of the Chapter. It requires something more than mere reading to make a petition, or any other paper that may be presented, the property of the Chapter. The usual course is, and we believe it to be the only proper course to pursue, receive the petition and let it take the usual course, *if no objection is offered*. The idea that a companion objecting to the reception of a petition *should be promptly seated*, is something entirely new to us, and in our opinion a direct and unauthorized interference with the rights of a companion."

We have, in another portion of this report, explained Comp. SPAULDING's decision in this instance.

The right of a companion to object to the reception of a petition is not denied, but it should be done at the proper time; when the Secretary announces that he has upon his table a petition for affiliation from JOHN SMITH, late a member of——— Chapter, No.——, then, if any member has an objection to the reception of the petition, is the time to interpose such objection. When the petition has been read it is too late, for the petition has already been received and is the property of the Chapter, and must either be accepted or rejected.

Again, with reference to the decision relative to the reconsideration of a vote at a subsequent meeting, he says:—

"The decision may be in accordance with the local law of California, but we doubt if such a law can be found to exist in any other jurisdiction. We have always understood that a motion to reconsider could be made and acted upon at the same Convocation at which the original action was taken, or at the one immediately following it."

The ground of the decision is that the proceedings of each Convocation must be concluded before its close, and cannot be carried over into another Convocation. Each Convocation of a subordinate Chapter must be closed, and not adjourned or

called off until another time ; and all business before it must be finished at that particular time, or subsequently be brought up *de novo*. Legislatures adjourn from day to day, and a member may give notice of a motion to reconsider on a following day, but no motion to reconsider at the session of the next Legislature would be in order.

Municipal Councils usually hold their meetings weekly during the year, and in them a member may, with propriety, give notice of a motion to reconsider at a future time, as their meetings are continuous, but the communications of Masonic Bodies are in themselves final, and the business of one cannot be carried over into another.

In our last year's review of the " District," we said: " The idea that the degree of Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Master cannot be conferred without first opening the Chapter, then calling off and opening on the degree to be conferred, then closing in that degree, calling on the Chapter again, and formally closing it, to our mind smacks strongly of absurdity."

To this Comp. LARNER responds : —

" If the rule ' smacks strongly of absurdity ' in connection with the Chapter, pray tell us, Comp. C., why it does not ' smack strongly of absurdity ' in connection with the Lodge also, where the rule is rigidly enforced. It won't do to say that a Chapter is authorized to hold Mark Lodges, &c., and therefore, under the authority given, it is not necessary to call the Chapter. The same authority is given to Lodges as to the degrees within their jurisdiction. As we view the matter, a Mark Lodge is a Lodge within the body of a Chapter, and can only be opened and worked under the immediate supervision of the Chapter, which supervision can only be properly exercised by first calling the Chapter together."

Also under the head of Maine, he replies to Comp. DRUMMOND, who, holding opinions upon this subject identical with our own, says:—

" We agree with Canada, as Canada does not hold or decide that a Lodge of M. M. can be opened ' without the R. A. Masons being notified that such a Lodge is to be held.' This clause is an inference of Comp. L's. But is not every R. A. Mason a M. M. Mason? If every M. M. Mason is notified, is not every R. A. Mason notified? The degrees are not worked in the body of a Chapter, but in Lodges appurtenant to a Chapter. Comp. L. gives a copy of a charter granted in 1814. In that the members are authorized to confer the degree of R. A. Mason, ' and, also to hold Lodges of Most Excellent and Mark Master Masons,' and not to confer these degrees ' in the body of a Chapter,' but to hold Lodges. All the charters we have ever noticed are of the same purport."

To this Comp. LARNER replies :—

" We confess we are at a loss to see any force in the position assumed here by Comp. DRUMMOND. If his argument holds good in the Chapter, it must, also, hold good in the Lodge where they are authorized to confer the E. A. and F. C. degrees, which, as we all know, is done in Lodges of those particular degrees ; and the difference of phraseology in a charter for a Lodge, and one for a Chapter, if there is any, does not alter the fact ; and I am sure no one would think of calling a Lodge of E. A's to work the degrees without first calling a M. M. Lodge."

We remember some *fifty* years ago, it was the custom of some Lodges in conferring the degree of Entered Apprentice to open on the Master's degree, call off and open a Lodge of Fellow Crafts, again call off and open a Lodge of Entered Apprentices, confer the degree, close the Lodge, call on the Lodge of Fellow Crafts, close that, and finally call on the Lodge of Master Masons, and close that. This was called " opening down and closing up," and about one half the evening was occupied in the ceremonies of opening and closing. We were not aware, however, that any Lodge at the present day adhered to this custom of the dark ages. We would say to Comp. LARNER that the " absurdity " is just as strong in one instance as in the other ; and the announcement that there are Lodges which still adhere to this practice is a revelation to us. We venture to assert that they are few and far between.

Comp. LARNER's idea that a Lodge of Mark Master Masons can be opened " without the Royal Arch Masons being notified that such a Lodge is to be held," is

easily confuted by the fact that no notice to Mark Masters is ever issued, except in Pennsylvania or England, where the Mark Lodges are independent of the Chapters. A meeting of the Chapter is invariably called; for what purpose is not definitely stated, except upon special occasions; then if the business is to confer the Mark Master's degree, the High Priest announces the fact, and proceeds to open a Lodge of Mark Masters; and exactly the same course is pursued in the Lodges.

He quotes our definition of a legal summons, and says:—

"If the Secretary attaches the seal to a summons, and says, 'By order of the High Priest,' is it not of the same effect as if the name of the High Priest was attached and that of the Secretary omitted? If the High Priest orders the summons to issue, what more can be required?"

If we should make a promissory note to Comp. LARNER, and cause our private Secretary to sign it, by our order, would he receive it as a valid evidence of indebtedness? We think not. The same principle applies to the summons. It must be signed by the party alone authorized to issue it, and his signature should be attested by the Secretary, under the seal of the Chapter.

Under the head of "New Jersey," he quotes the following from the report of Comp. EDWARDS:—

"Nor can we follow him among the pleasant allurements of removal of an appointed officer by a High Priest, upon whom the ceremony of installation has been performed. Is the confirmation of the appointment, by ceremonial on the part of the body, and by obligation of office required by the body of the appointee, a combination of nothingness, an empty show of form, and the solemn seal of declaration in the name of the Grand Chapter attesting to the fact, but the echo of meaningless sounds?"

To this Comp. LARNER says:—

"In reply we say, as we have before said, that when a Grand Chapter makes it the duty of a High Priest to appoint certain officers it gives to him full control of such appointees, and, as a matter of course, holds him responsible for his appointments, and looks to him to have faithful and efficient companions in the places at his disposal. How can it be supposed for a moment that such is not the intention of the creating power when it delegates a power which is inherent in itself? We might just as well say that the President of the United States, or the Governor of a State, cannot remove a subordinate which the law gives him the power to appoint. He appoints in the name and by the authority of the Grand Chapter, the same as a civil head appoints in the name and the authority of the Government. We insist that the position we assume is the correct one; that where the power is given to appoint, it also carries with it the power of removal, unless some preventive clause is inserted in the law which delegates the power of appointment without confirmation, as it does in a Chapter, simply because he has to be installed into the office by taking an obligation to be faithful to his trusts, and obey the laws."

Very true; and, if the officer thus appointed is unmindful of his obligation, and unfaithful to the trust reposed in him, is not the High Priest justified in removing the unfaithful servant, and placing one more trustworthy in his stead?

Under the head of "Oregon," he notices the amendment to the Constitution, which gives the Grand High Priest power to suspend any Royal Arch Mason at his own sweet will and pleasure, and makes the following sensible comments:—

This, we think, is a dangerous departure, and one, if carried out, will certainly result in injury to the craft. Where do you get the right to make such a law? Is it not in direct conflict with the old and well established doctrine of the fraternity, that no brother can be punished for an offence until he shall have been duly tried by his peers and convicted? Are we to understand by this action that Oregon thinks she is so far to the northwest that it makes no difference to anyone else, whether or not she invests her Grand High Priest with powers exceeding those granted to a Grand Master? We trust that the next report from Oregon will bring us the news that she has taken the back track on this question, and decided that its action was in "direct conflict with well established law." We do not dispute the right of a Grand High Priest to suspend a High Priest, or suspend a Charter."

We have had our say upon this question, and we are pleased to know that Comp. LARNER is with us.



With reference to the Cryptic Degrees, Comp. LARNER is a "merger." Under the head of "General Grand Chapter," he quotes the resolution adopted by that Grand Body, to the effect that it has no jurisdiction over those degrees, upon which he says:—

"By the adoption of the foregoing resolution we think it has been very clearly settled that the General Grand Chapter has no authority to interfere in any manner with these degrees, and that the Grand Chapters, under its jurisdiction, are at liberty to take such action in regard to them as may seem most appropriate. Or in other words, that as it has nothing to do with them, it has no more right to inquire as to how they are conferred, than it has to inquire how the order of High Priesthood is conferred. Many of the constituents of the General Grand Chapter permit these degrees to be conferred, either in the Chapters, or as side degrees to the same; and as no effort was made in the General Grand Chapter to put a stop to this practice by its constituents, it, we think, clearly and emphatically decided by the adoption of the foregoing resolution that it was a matter that it had nothing to do with, and therefore possessed no right to enquire about. This, we believe, is just the position in which the 'mergers' desired the matter left. The question is, we hope, now forever out of the General Grand Chapter, and will in the future, be left entirely with what is termed, 'Council Masons,' and 'non-Council Masons,' for settlement."

We cannot see the force of these conclusions. Let us take a hypothetical case. Suppose the Grand Lodge and the Grand Chapter of California should mutually come to the conclusion that it would be a good thing to *merge* the symbolic degrees with those of the Chapter, and should petition the General Grand Chapter so to amend its Constitution as to permit this to be done; would not the General Grand Chapter make the same reply, that it had no jurisdiction over the Symbolic Degrees? And would this declaration of non-jurisdiction leave the Chapters at liberty to assume control of the Symbolic Degrees? The General Grand Chapter in its Constitution, declares that it recognizes certain degrees, and no other. How then can Chapters who hold allegiance to the General Grand Body assume control of, and confer degrees which it does not recognize? If they can do it with one class of degrees they can with another; and upon the same principle, we may next expect to hear of the Chapters *merging* with their own degrees, those of the Knights of Pythias, A. O. U. W., or the "1,001" other modern societies, many members of which we have reason to believe, are already Royal Arch Masons in good standing. Now that the General Grand Council is organized, we hope to see this *merging* question definitely settled and put to rest. The Chapters have all the degrees they can properly manage now, and want no further additions to a *menu* that is already abundant.

The eight Chapters of this jurisdiction have a total of 1085, a gain of 34 since the last Annual Report.

The *M. E.* JOSEPH A. JOCHUM was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* CHARLES W. HANCOCK was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Washington on the—— day of December, A. D. 1881.

#### ENGLAND AND WALES.

The Grand Lodge of Mark Master Masons of England and Wales held its half-yearly Communication at Freemason's Tavern, in the city of London, on the second day of December, 1879,—the *M. W.* Bro. Rev. G. R. PORTAL, M. A., Past Grand Mark Master Mason, presiding, the *V. W.* FREDERICK BINCKES being Grand Secretary.

From the report of the "General Board" we learn that the number of certificates issued during the six months ending September 30, 1879, was 496, making the total of "Registered Advancements" 12,908. In the same period five warrants for new Lodges had been issued. During the year ending September 30th there were issued 167 certificates for "Royal Ark Mariners"; the total number of brethren elevated to that degree being 507. We have but little knowledge of this degree in America, but if we are not mistaken, it was instituted by Noah during his forty days' voyage of discovery, and for the purpose of relieving the *ennui* occasioned by a close con-

finement to his cabin during the prevalence of a *heavy shower*. If we are in error, Bro. BINCKES will please set us right, and we will extend the *olive branch*.

The Treasurer's accounts show that the receipts from all sources for the period of six months were £545 2s. 4d., which would make an annual revenue of £1090 4s. 8d., or about \$5,450 00—a very handsome income.

A Benevolent Fund and an Educational Fund have been established, and of these the report says :—

"That the objects proposed by the establishment of the Benevolent and Educational Funds are widely and increasingly appreciated and approved is convincingly manifested by the support extended thereto at the Anniversary Festivals, the Festival held at the Alexandra Palace, on Wednesday, 2d of July last, under the presidency of W. Bro. LORD ARTHUR HILL, Prov. S. G. W. of Sussex, having proved most successful, the proceeds of the thirty-two Stewards' Lists amounting to £542.

"The first election of a Boy for the benefits of the Educational Fund took place on 20th of May last, when Harry Lowndes Edwards was elected, and is now being educated at the Manchester Grammar School."

The report further states that :—

"No event of greater interest in the history of this Grand Lodge has occurred than the establishment of a Mark Lodge, in the first place, and recently of a Province, in a locality rich in so many antiquarian associations as the site of the world-renowned City of Carthage. Masonry in all its branches is flourishing there, but no Degree has attracted so much attention, or has been pursued with such avidity as that of the Mark, and with the details and information received from time to time, the Board considers itself justified in thus making prominent mention of so exceptionally gratifying a circumstance, and in testifying to the zeal and ability of the R. W. Bro. BROADLEY, whose exertions have tended so materially to produce such successful results."

The Grand Chapter of Scotland have at last granted the Grand Mark Lodge a full, though somewhat tardy recognition. No new Warrants for Mark Lodges are to be granted by Scotland in England and Wales, but the Grand Chapter reserves its rights as regards Warrants already issued. The Grand Chapter of Scotland recognizes as lawful all Mark Lodges holding under the Grand Mark Lodge in the Colonies, but concedes no exclusive jurisdiction to the Grand Mark Lodge beyond the countries of England and Wales. The proposal to exchange Representatives having been made, the consideration thereof was delayed until the next Quarterly Communication, and the Grand Scribe N. intimated that he would then move that Representatives be appointed.

Owing to the great increase of business in the office of the Grand Secretary, that officer was relieved from the performance of routine labor, and the salary of the Assistant Grand Secretary was increased to £200 per annum.

At the half-yearly Communication, held June 1, 1880, the M. W. Bro. W. W. BEACH, P. G. M., presided in the absence of the Grand Master, the Earl of Lathom. No business of general interest was transacted.

The financial reports show balances to the credit of the several Funds as follows: General Fund, £348 19s. 3d.; Benevolent Fund, £111 15s. 1d.; Educational Fund, £169, 19s. 2d., making a total of £630 13s. 6d. In addition to this amount there is invested to the credit of the General Fund £1,500; Benevolent Fund, £1,200; Educational Fund, £300, making the total assets £3,630 13s. 6d., or about \$18,150.

This is an excellent showing, and we sincerely congratulate our sister Grand Body upon its prosperity. An institution devoting so large a proportion of its revenues to the advancement of education and the calls of benevolence, deserves to succeed, and has our benison.

The Grand Lodge has upon its roll 264 subordinate Lodges, and numbers among its membership some of the most illustrious names of our mother country.

The address of the Grand Secretary is FREDERICK BINCKES, Office 2, Red Lion Square, Holborn, London, W. C. The General Representative for the United States is Bro. ALBERT G. GOODALL, 142 Broadway, New York.

## FLORIDA.

The Grand Chapter held its Thirty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Jacksonville on the twentieth day of January, 1880,—the *M. E. ROBERT J. PERRY*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. DE WITT C. DAWKINS* being Grand Secretary. Ten subordinate Chapters were represented.

The address of the Grand High Priest contains much good and wise counsel, which the Craft will do well to heed. He especially cautions his companions to be careful how they recommend the formation of new Chapters and to be sure that those who apply for a dispensation are in every way qualified to discharge their duties, for "if we are to be judged by our fruits, let us be careful how we plant."

He announces the death of *M. E. Comp. WILLIAM MORRILL*, Past Grand High Priest, and of him says:—

"He was ripe in years and usefulness, and his Masonic labors and virtues, continued through so many years, enshrine him in our hearts as one of the bright exemplars of our Royal Arch."

His official acts were few and of no general interest.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$221.79.

There is no Report on Correspondence, and the transactions of the Grand Chapter are contained within the limits of fourteen pages of the Annual.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

## GEORGIA.

The Fifty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Georgia was held in the city of Atlanta on the twenty-eighth day of April, 1880,—the *M. E. J. W. OSLIN*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. J. EMMETT BLACKSHEAR* being Grand Secretary. Thirty-one subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest delivered an able address, replete with those high moral sentiments which should ever characterize the true and consistent Mason. He draws a dismal picture of the state of society in that jurisdiction, and reads his companions some pertinent and pungent moral lessons, which we trust will not fail of their effect.

Look upon this picture, companions, and see if you recognize any of its features in your own experience:—

"There are evils growing in our Masonic field which need to be uprooted; habits and practices requiring stern and faithful rebuke. Honesty is at a discount—integrity below par. Corruption stalks abroad in the land, with brazen front and defiant mien. Men to whom have been committed sacred public trusts have, within our recent memory, been guilty of the most flagrant abuse of their power. Practices subversive of morality and destructive of the purity of the young are often exemplified in the conduct of those whose position should put a restraint upon vicious inclinations. Our children have hardly crossed the threshold of home, on their way to take their places among the world's workers, ere they are corrupted with the vices of the day. Bribery, malfeasance, defalcations, intemperance, profanity, cheating, swindling—these are some of the manifestations of middle social life, which threatens subversion of Church and State. Our civil war, as it swept over this beautiful Southland, like a furious cyclone, left its track marked not only by desolated fields and ruined cities, but also by the moral wrecks of many who were regarded as sturdy as the oak, and as immovable as adamant in public and private virtue. The material loss may be repaired by energetic labor; deserted fields may be made to blossom again, as the rose; great cities, like the fabled Phoenix, may spring again from their ashes; commerce may be re-instated, and prosperity resume her sway; the whirl of spindles may keep time to the music of our waterfalls—all this has been accomplished. But who, O! who, shall re-animate the moral 'dry bones' hecatombed in the wake of war—who plant again the seeds of virtue and religion in soil sodden with brothers' blood and wasted by the blight of internecine conflict?"

He then proceeds to dilate in "words that burn," upon the enormity of the vices of intemperance, gaming, and profanity; especially when indulged in by those whose watch-words are Temperance, Fortitude, Prudence, and Justice, and eloquently exhorts his companions to "lift high their ancient banner, and bring their lives up to its requirements."

His official acts were few, and his decisions and recommendations give evidence of good common sense and sound judgment. He decided that the edict of the General Grand Chapter allowed the use of two substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree; that but one ballot was necessary for all the degrees; that it must be had in the Royal Arch Degree, and that it is a violation of the ancient landmarks of Masonry to confer the degrees upon any candidate not capable of giving or receiving instruction. The latter decision was given in the case of a one-armed applicant for the degrees.

He recommends that the most liberal policy possible be extended to Chapters now in default, in order that the sleeping energies of a large number of Chapters and Royal Arch Masons may again be brought into active life.

He also recommends that the Committee on Returns be also made a Committee on Finances, and that they be authorized to meet one day before the convocation of the Grand Chapter, in order that their report may be ready, and the Grand Chapter informed of its financial condition at the earliest possible moment. An excellent idea.

The Grand Secretary reported twenty-one Chapters as under suspension for delinquency in dues and returns.

A banquet was given to the members of the Grand Chapter by Mount Zion Chapter, No. 16, which was attended by a number of the dignitaries of the city and State. The record says:—

"An eloquent and appropriate address of welcome was delivered by the Hon. W. L. CALHOUN, Mayor of the city, in which he paid a glowing tribute to the ancient and honorable institution of Freemasonry.

"M. E. J. W. OSLIN, Grand High Priest, responded in behalf of the Grand Chapter.

"At the banquet eloquent speeches were made in response to the regular toasts, by the Grand High Priest, J. W. OSLIN; the Grand Master, JAMES M. MOBLEY; the Grand King, W. J. POLLARD; Past Grand Master DAVID E. BUTLER; the thrice illustrious Grand Master CHARLES R. ARMSTRONG, and Companion DAVID WILLS.

"It was a joyous and happy reunion, and every one present went away feeling it was good for him he had been there."

The Finance Committee express their joy at being able to report that the receipts of this Convocation will be sufficient to pay the outstanding scrip, thus relieving the Grand Chapter from debt, and they predict a bright future for this Grand Body.

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported their concurrence in the decisions of the Grand High Priest, which report was adopted.

The committee appointed to consider the expediency of merging the Council degrees in the Chapter, presented the following report, which was agreed to:—

"Resolved, That in consideration of the fact that a Convention of Royal and Select Masters will be held at Detroit, Michigan, in August next—which it is the request of this Joint Committee that the Grand Most Illustrious Grand Master attend—this Committee asks to be continued from each of the Grand Bodies until their next Annual Convocation, and that final action be deferred until that time, in order to hear the report of the Grand Most Illustrious G. M."

There are forty-two chartered Chapters upon the roll, six of whom made no returns this year. The total membership is reported as 1205.

The statistical columns are not footed up, nor is the time and place of the next Annual Convocation given.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### ILLINOIS.

The Thirty-first Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Illinois was held in the city of Chicago on the twenty-eighth day of October, 1880,—the M. E. SAMUEL W. WADDLE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GIL W. BARNARD being Grand Secretary. A constitutional number of Chapters were represented, but how many, the Grand Secretary saith not.

An invitation was extended to the Grand Chapter to visit the Board of Trade, which was accepted and thanks returned.

The address of the Grand High Priest is a practical, business-like paper, giving a clear and comprehensive account of his official acts and of the condition of the Craft in that jurisdiction. Owing to the change in Grand Officers at the last Annual Convocation, he found it necessary to re-district the State, in order to equalize, as far as possible, the number of Chapters apportioned to each Grand Officer, and having in view the proximity of the Chapters to the residence of the officer in charge, so that the expense of official visitations should be reduced to a minimum sum. He congratulates his companions upon the peace and harmony prevailing throughout the jurisdiction, but laments the fact that many of the Chapters are "quiet and still because they have reached that comatose condition which precedes dissolution, and are even so far gone as to be unable to give any evidences of life." He had tried to galvanize these moribund Chapters into life, and induce them to re-organize, and in several instances success had crowned his efforts. The condition of two, however, he pronounced hopeless, and recommended a revocation of their charters.

An intimate acquaintance with the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in that jurisdiction for a series of years, had forced him to the conclusion that there were too many Chapters in the State, and on that account he had been especially careful to grant no dispensation to form a new one until he had ascertained whether the petitioners would be able to maintain their organization in the proposed location, and the effect likely to be produced upon Chapters already established. As a result of this policy, only one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter was granted.

A large number of special dispensations were granted to elect and install officers at a time other than that prescribed in the By-Laws, and to receive and act upon petitions without regard to time.

The charter of one Chapter was surrendered by the unanimous vote of its members.

He reported the following decisions, in all which we concur, and which were approved by the Grand Chapter:—

"1st. A Chapter can only legally meet in the town or municipal corporation named in its charter or warrant.

"2d. Signing the By-Laws is not an essential prerequisite to full membership in the Chapter.

"3d. A Chapter can not receive the petition of a Brother who has been elected to receive the degrees in another Chapter, (but who has failed to apply for them), without the consent of that Chapter.

"4th. In the absence of a High Priest who has been elected as his own successor, it is the duty of the King to proceed, at the time fixed by the By-Laws, with the installation of the remaining officers, provided there is a Past High Priest present to conduct the ceremonies."

Relative to the subject of non-payment of dues the Grand High Priest says:—

"In this connection the matter of Chapter dues is one which has given some trouble, and which requires some definite action on your part without delay.

"At the last Annual Convocation you affirmed a decision of Past Grand High Priest HAMILTON, which is in these words:

" 'A Chapter cannot affix any other penalty for non-payment of dues, than that prescribed by the Grand Chapter By-Laws.' "

"This would seem to be good law, coming from one so well versed in Masonic law and usage as Mr. E. Comp. HAMILTON, and with the sanction of the Committee on Jurisprudence, together with the affirmation of this Grand Chapter—but the first inquiry as to the punishment to be inflicted for this offense, necessitated a reference to the By-Laws of the Grand Chapter to ascertain the degree of punishment therein prescribed, and behold, the By-Laws are silent on the subject! no allusion whatever being made to the subject of dues except in Section 54, which provides that dues shall be paid before a dimit can be granted. This being true, I can place no other construction upon the decision above quoted, than that the non-payment of dues is regarded in the same light as any other Masonic offense, and that the whole range of

penalties provided as punishment for violations of Masonic obligations are applicable to this one of non-payment of dues. It is a recognized principle of Masonic as of civil law, that the punishment of an offense should be commensurate with its magnitude. I cannot believe that the framers of our laws intended that the non-payment of dues should be used as a pretext for the expulsion of a companion from all the rights and privileges of Capitalar Masonry, nor yet can I believe they intended that a companion should enjoy all those rights and privileges at no higher cost than a reprimand once a year. I have directed your attention to this matter that you may see the importance of immediate action and provide some uniform system for the collection of dues, and punishment for non-payment."

The matter was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, *with instructions to report an amendment to the By-Laws to cover the case.* Disregarding their instructions, they curtly reported as follows: "Your Committee have examined the question of law regarding punishment for non-payment of dues, and find the law as it stands at present, sufficient."

This, to us, appears to be a somewhat cavalier method of disposing of an important matter, to which the attention of the Grand Chapter had been earnestly called by the Grand High Priest, and as the Past Grand High Priest, Comp. HAMILTON, who made the decision above quoted, was chairman of the committee, we are forced to the conclusion that he considers the non-payment of dues to be no offense, and is opposed to any penalty being prescribed for such non-payment.

We cannot agree with the Grand High Priest in the construction which he places upon the decision of Comp. HAMILTON. It plainly states that "A Chapter cannot affix any *other* penalty for non-payment of dues than *that* prescribed by the Grand Chapter By-Laws." The Grand Chapter By-Laws prescribe *no* penalty; *ergo*, a Chapter can affix *no* penalty for the non-payment of dues. *Quod erat demonstrandum.* Doubtless Comp. HAMILTON knew what the provisions of the Grand Chapter By-Laws were, when he made the decision. We are only surprised that the Grand Chapter allowed so important a matter to be quietly ignored.

In noticing the recent Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest says:—

"The failure of the General Grand Chapter to take any action in regard to the Council degrees, leaves this Grand Chapter free to take such steps as may seem to it expedient as to conferring them under the auspices of the several Subordinate Chapters.

"The present arrangement being only temporary in its character, has not worked entirely satisfactory, but a limited number of the Chapters having qualified themselves to confer them. I recommend the reference of this question to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to consider and report on the advisability of making the possession of these degrees a necessary prerequisite to full membership in the Chapters."

The Committee on Jurisprudence reported as follows:—

"Your committee, to whom was referred the recommendation of the M. E. Grand High Priest regarding the Council degrees, would report that, in view of the importance of the question involved, they are unwilling to report in favor of making the Council degrees a necessary prerequisite to full membership in the Chapter, but would ask that the Committee on Jurisprudence be allowed until the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter to mature and report a complete plan for the adoption of the Council degrees by this Grand Chapter."

This sounds to us most strange, coming from companions who have solemnly promised to maintain and support the Constitution, regulations and edicts of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The Grand High Priest deliberately proposes to ignore the Constitution and regulations, which he has promised to maintain, and the Committee on Jurisprudence, not yet quite ready to break their plighted promise, ask for a year's time in which to consider the matter. The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, Sec. 19, says: "The degrees recognized by the General Grand Chapter to be conferred in Chapters in this jurisdiction are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason." And, notwithstanding this plain provision of the Constitution, the proposition is coolly

made to make the degrees of Royal and Select Master—degrees not recognized by the General Grand Chapter—a necessary prerequisite to full membership in the Chapter. While we are surprised at the obliviousness to pledged faith manifested in the above action, we do not so greatly wonder at it when we reflect that the General Grand Chapter has no power to enforce obedience or to punish disobedience to its edicts, but, like Bunyan's "Old Giant Despair," must sit and impotently grind its teeth at the recalcitrants it has no power to molest.

We trust that the General Grand Council now organized has provided in its Constitution the means of compelling obedience to its decrees, and that it will promptly declare irregular and clandestine all Royal and Select Masters not made in just and legally constituted Councils thereof, making due provision for the healing of those who have unwittingly received the degrees in an illegal manner.

The death of Comp. ORLIN H. MINER, Grand Treasurer and Past Grand High Priest, was announced, and an appropriate tribute was paid to his memory.

The Committee on Finances report a balance in the treasury of \$6,463.95.

The following resolution was adopted:—

*"Resolved, That no more of the funds of this Grand Chapter shall be appropriated for the purchase of jewels for Past Grand High Priests."*

At a later period the vote by which the above resolution was adopted was reconsidered, and upon the vote being again taken, the resolution was declared lost.

A resolution was offered fixing a salary for the Grand High Priest, which resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That committee reported the resolution back without recommendation, when, upon motion, it was adopted as an amendment to the By-Laws, as follows:—

*"Amend Section 5 of the By-Laws of this Grand Chapter by adding in the fifth line, after the word 'expedient,' and that for his official services during the year he shall receive the sum of one hundred dollars in addition to his proper expenses for postage, stationery, etc., to be paid on presentation of his bill for the same."*

This is a new departure in Masonry, and one which, in our opinion, cannot be too strongly condemned. We noticed the matter under the head of Wisconsin, but the proceedings of Illinois had not then come to hand, and we were in doubt whether the sum voted was in the nature of a salary or of reimbursement for moneys actually expended in the discharge of official duties. The above amendment, however, leaves no room for doubt; and the strictures of Comp. COTTRILL of Wisconsin are well merited. He says: "The Companions of Illinois have a right to spend their money as they please, but they ought not to degrade the high office of Grand High Priest by making it the object of pecuniary profit."

The retiring Grand High Priest was presented with a beautiful Past Grand High Priest's jewel and the thanks of the Grand Chapter for his able and efficient services during the past year.

The reports of the Grand Officers in charge of the several districts are elaborate and interesting, showing the condition, financial and otherwise, of the Chapters under their charge. From these reports we infer that the condition of Royal Arch Masonry in Illinois is prosperous, although in many of the Chapters no work has been done during the year.

The reports show the financial condition of one hundred and ten of the Chapters to be as follows: Total assets, \$103,662.65; liabilities, \$7,868.77; net assets, \$95,793.88. An excellent showing.

The Report on Correspondence is from the pen of Comp. ROBERT L. MCKINLAY, and for a first attempt is a very creditable paper. He is chary of his comments, believing, as he modestly observes, "that more good would result from presenting the views of experienced correspondents than incorporating into this report the opinions of one who is untried in this department of Masonic literature." He reviews the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters, California, for 1880, receiving kindly and fraternal notice. He quotes at length from the address of Comp.

SPAULDING and from our report of that year, and as he makes no adverse comments, we conclude that "silence gives consent."

Under the head of Delaware, he says:—

"We think, like Comp. Cox, that there are many who believe in *free salvation* as well as *free Masonry*. The sooner this class is off our rolls the better it will be for the fraternity."

Under the head of Kansas, he says:—

"It is certainly a strange proceeding to open a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons and then call off for the purpose of opening a Lodge of *M. E. Masters*. Why not open the Lodge in the first instance?"

Echo answers "Why not?"

Under the head of Maryland, upon the question of allowing visitors to vote, he says:—

"We are not prepared to endorse the proposition. It seems to us that the members of a Chapter, who support and maintain it, should alone pass upon the question as to who shall become members thereof. It seems to us that their rights in the premises are superior to all others. They have the unquestionable right to exclude a visitor, and having the right to exercise this power, it seems strange to us that they would have no power to prevent a visitor from casting a ballot."

We fully concur in the following:—

"The system of official visitation we believe productive of much good. In Illinois we have the State divided into districts, and each district in charge of a Grand Officer for the purpose of visitation. In this way each Chapter can be visited, and we know from experience that it is time and money well expended. New life is put into the Chapter visited, and when visitations are general it results in a revival in the Craft throughout the jurisdiction."

There are in this jurisdiction one hundred and sixty-seven active Chapters, having an aggregate membership of 9,791, being an increase of 193 during the year.

The *M. E.* SILAS O. VAUGHAN was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GILBERT W. BARNARD was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Chicago on the twenty-seventh day of October, 1881.

#### INDIANA.

The thirty-fifth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Indianapolis on the twentieth day of October, 1880,—the *M. E.* THOMAS B. LONG, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN M. BRAMWELL being Grand Secretary. Seventy subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest we have perused with much pleasure. It is a paper dictated by good, sound common sense from beginning to end, and in it there is not reported a decision, action, recommendation, or suggestion in which we do not fully concur and heartily commend. It appears that the absurd doctrine that an installed officer cannot resign is not entertained in Indiana.

The following case is reported:—

The High Priest of a subordinate Chapter, soon after his installation, found his business such that he could not attend to the duties of the position to which he had been elected, and tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and the Grand High Priest was asked to grant a dispensation to hold an election to fill the vacancy. He replied that, under Rules 36 and 37, he had no authority to order an election, as the King and Scribe would successively become the presiding officer of the Chapter in case of a vacancy above them, and that an election could only be held under Rule 38, where all these offices became vacant by resignation or otherwise. Knowing, however, that sometimes neither the King nor Scribe is qualified to fill the station of High Priest, he said to this Chapter that if both these officers were unwilling to discharge the duties of High Priest, and would so state to him in writing, he would assume the power of granting the dispensation asked for, with the belief that such power was exercised for the *general good of the Craft*, but that



without the consent of these officers he could not do so, as they would have just and legal cause to complain of such action on his part. Both these officers declined in writing to assume the duties of High Priest, and in this emergency the Grand High Priest very properly granted the dispensation prayed for, and his action was sustained by the Grand Chapter.

The following decisions were sustained by the Grand Chapter :—

A companion, Past High Priest of his Chapter, removed from its jurisdiction, paid his dues, and asked for a dimit. It appears that the members of the Chapter believed or suspected that he had taken with him a book containing the work in cipher, the ownership of which had been in dispute between him and the Chapter for some years. The Chapter, when his request was presented, refused to grant the dimit until he should explain the whereabouts of the book, and informed him of its action. He replied that, when the Chapter should grant him the dimit, he would answer all questions. Upon this state of facts the question was asked of the Grand High Priest, "If we withhold the dimit, must charges be preferred?"

*Answer.*—Membership in a Chapter, from first to last, is voluntary on the part of a member. He may at any time, for reasons satisfactory to himself, upon application to the Chapter and payment of all dues, *withdraw* his membership. (Rule 75.) When such application is made in the Chapter, no motion is necessary. Unless some charge of unma-sonic conduct is interposed, or time is asked for the purpose of filing charges, the High Priest should order the issuance of the dimit—though no harm can result in its being done on motion. Should the member be known, however, to have violated some Masonic law, the filing of charges thereon would arrest his right to the dimit until after his trial and acquittal. Therefore, you must either grant the dimit or prefer charges."

In connection with the same case, questions were asked and answers returned as follows :—

"Can charges be preferred after a companion has squared his books, and asked a dimit?"

*Answer.*—"Yes; at any time before the dimit is issued, and even afterwards, for an offence committed within the jurisdiction of the Chapter. (Rules 157, 158, 159.)"

"Can charges be preferred without positive knowledge that he is in possession of the property (meaning in your case the book above referred to)?"

*Answer.*—"If there is *prima facie* evidence that the book is the property of your Chapter, and that he took it away with the purpose of depriving the Chapter of its use, charges could be preferred. Either positive or circumstantial evidence, or both combined, could be offered to sustain them; but a finding of guilty could only justly follow upon conclusive proof."

The accused party in the following case ought to be expelled on general principles—on the ground of idiocy, if for no other reason :—

"The following rather novel case, so far as the conduct of the accused is concerned, has been presented in this question: 'What should be done with a member who has a diploma under the seal of the Grand Chapter, and now refuses to pay his dues, claiming that it makes no difference with him if the Chapter does suspend him, as he has the diploma, and that this or any other Chapter will and must recognize and admit him, even if he is suspended or expelled?'"

*Answer.*—"You may proceed against him as you would against any other member refusing to pay his dues. (Rules 161, 163, 169, 170.) The penalty may be suspension or expulsion, as indicated by Rules 211 (amended in 1867) and 205, *et seq.* The opinion of the companion that 'it don't make any difference with him if the Chapter does suspend him, as he has the diploma, and that this or any other Chapter must recognize and admit him, even if he is suspended or expelled,' will be found by him to be quite erroneous should either of these penalties be pronounced against him."

Permission was asked and granted to confer the Royal Arch degree on one candidate with substitutes, the said candidate having been unavoidably detained from attendance at a former meeting.

In this connection the Grand High Priest says :—

"I answered, granting the desired permission, and I presume the degree was so conferred. I invoke the special consideration of the Grand Chapter upon this ruling, having no especial feeling on the question one way or the other, but believing that

this Grand Body should take some permanent and reasonable position on the subject. If under the laws and usages of the Royal Craft, one substitute can be used, then I must fail to comprehend upon what theory or by what logic the use of two is unlawful.

"In several jurisdictions two substitutes are permitted—notably in Massachusetts and Ohio. In his Report on Foreign Correspondence of the latter State, Comp. THOMAS J. MELISH, editor of the *Masonic Review*, says: 'In Ohio we may have two substitutes, and we find it very convenient, as otherwise a candidate might have to wait a year in some of our country Chapters.'"

In 1871 the General Grand Chapter of the United States, during its Twenty-first Triennial Convocation at Baltimore, adopted the following resolutions:—

"*Resolved*, That this General Grand Chapter decides that the use of substitutes is not a violation of the Ritual of Royal Arch Masonry or the installation charges delivered to a High Priest, and that substitutes may be authorized by Grand Chapters working under this jurisdiction.

"*Resolved*, That while such is the interpretation of the Ritual and installation charges by this Grand Body. Chapters are fraternally and earnestly urged to use full classes of actual candidates, except in cases of emergency, for the best interests of Royal Arch Masonry."

While the use of substitutes is often a necessity, yet we are of the opinion that the practice should be discouraged as far as possible, and that full classes should be used whenever it may be practicable. In 1872 the Grand Chapter of California, upon the recommendation of the Committee on Jurisprudence, of which the writer was at that time chairman, adopted the following resolutions:—

"*Resolved*, That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

"*Resolved*, That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest permitting such use be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter asking such dispensation.

This was done to prevent the common and indiscriminate use of substitutes. In our opinion, if the Chapter would oftener work the degree with *three* substitutes, instead of one or two, it would be better for them.

The Report on Correspondence, as is customary in this jurisdiction, was prepared by the Grand High Priest.

In his opening remarks he says:—

"What a galaxy of reviewers there is throughout the general jurisdiction of the Royal Craft! Noble upholders of ancient landmarks! Profound expounders of constitutions! Splendid counselors in jurisprudence! He comes amongst you with unsandaled feet. He approaches you like a child that has his piece to say, though he is too old to hope that you will 'pass his imperfections by;' but he has one consolation, and that is, that after you have shrugged your shoulders and raised your eyebrows the agony will be over, and what you have read will be forgotten, and through the kindness of oblivion he shall be as good as forgiven."

Having thus modestly paid tribute to the guild, he follows with one of the best Reports on Correspondence that has come under our notice at this writing. It is a dignified, courteous, and exhaustive review of the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters, covering one hundred and ten pages, and the just and proper medium between pen and scissors is carefully and judiciously preserved. It is greatly to be regretted that so able a correspondent should not become a regular member of the corps; but upon his retirement from office he resigns the reporter's pen and rests upon his laurels. In his notice of California, for 1880, he quotes copiously and approvingly from the Address of Comp. SPAULDING and from our report for that year. He is pleased with our views on the consolidation question, and says:—

"Throughout this report Comp. CASWELL wages a royal battle against the merger of the Council degrees into the Chapters, and proclaims the illegality of such proceedings in unmeasured terms, more than once plainly reading to the transgressors the law, in Section 9 of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

He speaks of our report in terms of high praise, and we can honestly and sincerely reciprocate.

Under the head of Kansas, he says:—

"It appears from the Grand High Priest's Address that he removed from the jurisdiction during the year, and after such removal granted a dispensation to a subordinate Chapter to elect and install officers out of time. It also appears from the proceedings, as already stated, that, without moving back into the State, he appeared and presided over the Annual Convocation. In his address he discusses his power in the premises, and admits that he should have referred the petition for the dispensation to the Deputy Grand High Priest for action during his absence, but contends that his action could be legalized by the Grand Body, which is doubtless the case. He argues, however, that his removal from the jurisdiction did not vacate his office, but only suspended its functions temporarily during his absence. A good deal of specious argument is indulged in by him upon the subject that is curious in its way, but too lengthy to be copied.

"Quite a picture might be drawn by a cartoonist of the Committee on Jurisprudence examining the situation. How they would severally circle around the pregnant question, and when too near it shy off again, only to waltz up and scare away once more. A convenient distance off was most comfortable, where fingers could be pointed towards it, and solemn gestures could accompany their deliberations. It was decidedly a *noli me tangere* affair. But the committee did the best they could in the following report, which leaves the question severely alone."

A similar question arose in Minnesota, in relation to which Comp. Long gives expression to the law of California, and to our views as well as his own. He says:—

"Now, the writer emphatically expresses the opinion that a *bona fide* removal from and out of the jurisdiction does vacate the office. This is the rule of civil law in every country on earth, and certainly ought to be the law of Masonry, for this has its jurisdictions as independent and distinct as those of separate States and governments."

Again, under the head of Minnesota, he says:—

"There is a difference of opinion existing in Grand Chapters and among companions as to whether a Chapter under dispensation has any jurisdictional rights. Some contend that such a Chapter has none; some that its jurisdiction is concurrent with that of the chartered Chapter to which it is nearest, and some that its jurisdiction is as exclusive as it can be after a charter is granted."

The General Grand Chapter has definitely settled that question. Section 16, Article I, of the Constitution, reads as follows: "Chapters under dispensation have the same powers as chartered Chapters, except the election and installation of officers, and the rights growing out of such election and installation."

Under the head of Mississippi, we find the following, to which we say *Amen*:—

"They have possibly found one of the causes of the decrease in membership, but there are doubtless others of greater moment. The plan proposed of incorporating into Masonry the system of life insurance, however, is subversive of the traditions, landmarks and general principles of Masonry, and should not be considered for a moment. That of reducing fees at least fifty per cent. is but little less dangerous, because that would not strengthen the financial condition of Chapters, unless largely more than double the ordinary number of petitions were received; whilst a union of the two plans is doubly objectionable for both the reasons given. These new secret life insurance societies cannot, in the nature of things, last very long. They are the outgrowth of hard times, and the result of a latent fear by heads of families that in case of death those dependent on them would be left wholly unprovided for. Let business revive—and it is doing so—and hope and confidence be restored, and wages be increased, and all these things will come, and it will soon be seen that these new ties—not to any great extent founded upon universal brotherhood, nor upon sound principles, but greatly upon self-interest—will be broken or dissolved, and Masonry, that is universal and eternal, will revive where it may now be languishing, and flourish again with more than its former vigor."

After a careful reading of the report we fail to find anything upon which we can base a controversy, and we therefore bid Comp. Long a regretful adieu.

There are eighty-seven subordinate Chapters upon the registry of this jurisdiction, eight of which made no returns for 1880. The total membership of the seventy-nine Chapters making returns is 4,435, showing a decrease of 73 from last year's re-

port. The Grand Secretary, in a foot note, says: "The statistics of the eight delinquents would show an increase instead of a loss in total membership."

The *M. E.* EDWARD WALKER was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JOHN M. BRAMWELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Indianapolis on the nineteenth day of October, 1881.

#### IOWA.

The Grand Chapter held its twenty-seventh Annual Convocation in the city of Des Moines on the fifth day of October, 1880,—the *M. E.* ALMON R. DEWEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE being Grand Secretary. Sixty subordinate Chapters were represented.

*M. E.* Comp. ROBERT F. BOWER, General Grand High Priest, being in the city, a committee was appointed to wait upon him and invite him to visit the Grand Chapter. He accepted the invitation and was presented by the committee, and welcomed by the Grand High Priest in appropriate speeches, which were happily responded to by the distinguished visitor.

The Grand High Priest in his Address returns thanks to the Almighty, who had been pleased to favor them with "continued progress, healthful increase and general prosperity." From information received he found that a liberal amount of work had been done throughout the jurisdiction—not with any spontaneous impulse, but by steady and healthful accessions.

The death of Comp. CAMPBELL K. PECK is announced. He was Grand King of the Grand Chapter in 1865-6, and had been Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of Iowa. A fitting tribute is paid by the Grand High Priest to his memory.

One dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter.

In speaking of his visitations the Grand High Priest says: "I am pleased to notice and commend a disposition among members to make their meetings partake of a sociable character equal with labor. Truly, this is the essence of Masonry." We concur. Nothing conduces more to a healthful interest and ardent zeal in the members of a Chapter than a judicious combination of labor and recreation. Every Chapter should, if possible, possess an organ, piano, or melodeon. In these days of general musical education, there are few Chapters in which one or more of its members cannot be found to perform on these instruments; and an hour or more spent in music, recitations, anecdote, and temperate refreshments, gives a pleasant variety to the ordinary routine of duty, and a zest for the real work of the Convocation.

Representatives were appointed near the Grand Chapters of California, Maryland, and New Jersey; Past Grand High Priest ABELL being honored with the commission for California.

Several special dispensations to ballot out of time were granted; some of them, the Grand High Priest says, he issued with much reluctance. In this connection he says:—

"I can scarcely approve the great desire some have, that when about to travel in some foreign country, or take part in some great display, they will suddenly conclude 'what a nice thing it would be to be a Mason,' manifesting thereby a greater desire for personal pleasure or self-promotion than the higher motives which prompt all good Masons who offer to 'add another stone to the Temple.'"

He devotes considerable space to the discussion of the consolidation scheme, and claims that Iowa has the right to do as she pleases, regardless of the action of the General Grand Chapter. In this view of the case we cannot concur. The Grand Chapter of Iowa and its subordinates are bound to maintain and support the Constitution, resolutions and edicts of the General Grand Chapter, and it matters not what that Constitution was in 1829, more than half a century ago, for many amendments have since been adopted; but the Constitution of to-day is what Iowa, in common with every other constituent of the General Grand Chapter, is bound to support.

We give the argument of the Grand High Priest in full, in order that his position may be fully understood:—

“CRYPTIC DEGREES.

“This subject was considerably discussed, the conduct of jurisdictions adopting the plan of Iowa being by some severely criticised. A convention had been called of representatives of Grand Councils, and a General Grand Council was organized, subject to the approval of nine State Grand Councils. At last, after a long series of efforts to organize another General Grand Body, to create a few more high-sounding titles, the hopes of the ‘central government’ men are realized. We speak of the useless ‘fifth wheel to a wagon,’ but its importance swells into mountain-size as compared with the use of a General Grand Council.

“A memorial was circulated purporting to be issued by the Grand Council of New York, the closing page of which bore the indorsement of the convention called to organize a General Grand Council. This epistle of the ‘Pharisees to the Sadducees’ contained some of the most unmasonic, discourteous, and invidious reflections I ever saw for a Masonic publication. But, to the credit of the General Grand Chapter, it took no cognizance of the matter.

“But what of Iowa? If we be wrong in conferring the Council degrees in the Chapter, our mother (the General Grand Chapter) is censurable therefor. Let us compare a few dates. At the seventh meeting of the General Grand Chapter, held in the city of New York in September, 1829, the subject of conferring the Council degrees in the Chapters was broached, and apparently fully considered, and the following resolution adopted:—

“*Resolved*, That authority be and is hereby granted to the several Grand Chapters under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, to make such arrangements as shall be found necessary for conferring the degrees of Royal and Select Master in Royal Arch Chapters; *provided* always, that no Grand Chapter within the limits of which is a Grand Council shall authorize the Royal Arch Chapters under its jurisdiction to confer such degrees without the consent of such Grand Council.’

“The foregoing resolution remained in force, without alteration or amendment, until the fifteenth triennial session, held in Lexington, Kentucky, in September, 1853, when the subject appears to have again been presented, and on Friday, September 16th, after a full week of labor, the committee made a lengthy report, closing with the following resolution, which was adopted:—

“*Resolved*, That the General Grand Chapter and the governing bodies of Royal Arch Masonry affiliated with and holding jurisdiction under it have no rightful jurisdiction or control over the degrees of Royal and Select Master.’”

“The General Grand Chapter issued charters to four Chapters in Iowa, as follows: To Iowa Chapter, at Burlington, September 11th, 1847; to Iowa City Chapter, at Iowa City, September 17th, 1847; to Dubuque Chapter, at Dubuque, September 17th, 1847; to Washington Chapter, at Muscatine, September 17th, 1853. These four Chapters composed the Grand Chapter of the State of Iowa, when organized by authority of the General Grand Chapter, issued March 1st, 1854. The charters so received *each* and *all* contain permission to confer the Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, Royal Arch, *Royal Master*, and *Select Master* degrees.

“If the General Grand Chapter had no authority to thus confer the right on our subordinate Chapters, and afterwards on our Grand Chapter, to confer the Council degrees, why did she assume it in 1829 by the adoption of the resolution referred to? And if then wrong, why did she not retract before a period of twenty-four years? And even if then wrong, why censure us for following her own teachings?

The course pursued by Iowa has been deemed right by us, and I know of no authority which can forbid. The independence of State Grand Chapters is the boast of all Royal Arch Masons. The powers of the General Grand Chapter, as set forth in its Constitution, claim no right to dictate to or censure a State Grand Body; on the contrary, it expressly asserts that it *shall not* assume such duties; hence it necessarily follows that we shall direct the Royal Craft in Iowa as we may deem for the general good, ‘with malice toward none and charity for all.’ If other jurisdictions choose to maintain Grand Councils, let no word or act of ours interfere. But let Iowa demand that same right of independence accorded to others.

“The result of the consideration of the subject was the report of a committee and its adoption, which leaves matters as they were.”

We have not seen the “memorial” alluded to, and cannot therefore judge as to the “unmasonic, discourteous, and invidious reflections” alleged to have been contained therein; but with our knowledge of the companions who formed the convention to organize a General Grand Council, and whose indorsement the memorial is said to have borne, if that instrument contained more than a righteous denunciation of the unwarranted assumption of jurisdiction over the Cryptic degrees, we shall be greatly surprised.

The hostility of Iowa to the General Grand Chapter is no secret, and remarks derogatory to its dignity and usefulness are by no means infrequent in that quarter. The last paragraph in the remarks of the Grand High Priest above quoted, probably gives true expression to his sentiments and to those of his Grand Chapter. In this he virtually says to the General Grand Chapter, "Iowa will do as she pleases, and what are you going to do about it?" And thus the matter stands. If this saucy sister chooses to "cut capers," our venerable grandame must "grin and bear it." As in the case of Texas, she may take off her slipper for the purpose of castigation, but the wayward daughter knows full well that she has no power to apply it, and laughs gaily at the old lady's impotent indignation. We suggest that the following amended form of obligation be administered in future, and rendered retroactive, as a salve to the irritated consciences of Iowa, Texas, and some others, who act as if promises were only made to be broken:—

I will maintain and support the Constitution, regulations, and edicts of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America so long as it suits my convenience to do so, and no longer.

Let us do one thing or the other: either be true to our allegiance or repudiate it altogether.

The Grand High Priest says the ritual adopted by the General Grand Chapter is almost identical with the work in that jurisdiction, so much so as to require no change. He also modestly remarks that "the work of Iowa is too smooth and too generally disseminated to be disturbed." It is fortunate that the General Grand Chapter made so close an approximation to this smooth and much disseminated work.

Of the triennial Convocation he says:—

"And so the proceedings closed. We met, we parted. We met face to face Masons of whom we had read during our entire Masonic life, and for whom we had formed a warm attachment, kindled only from a spirited pen, which had carried with it impressions of exalted manhood, Masonic worth, and of character good."

Were the General Grand Chapter to serve no better purpose, the privilege of meeting such men, and discussing with them the various subjects which affect Masonic weal, would be a sufficient argument in support of its usefulness.

We note the following decisions:—

"*First Query.*—(1.) A brother has been elected to receive the Chapter degrees; has received the Mark Master and Past Master degrees, and objection to his further advancement is lodged with the High Priest. Should the High Priest take cognizance of the protest?"

"*Answer.*—Yes; a companion has a right to object to the further advancement of a brother, and the protest or objection has the same force as a black ball until withdrawn."

"(2.) Should the Chapter refund the fees?"

"*Answer.*—Justice, equity, and surely Masonry, would require this—that is, a proportionate amount as to the degrees conferred and those denied the candidate."

"*Second Query.*—A companion having been charged, tried, and reprimanded in the Blue Lodge, can he be held to answer the same charges made in the Chapter?"

"*Answer.*—Yes."

"*Third Query.*—A companion being dissatisfied with some Chapter procedure, demanded a dimit, which was granted, on condition that his dues be paid. The next Chapter meeting he returned, claimed his rights as a member, would not accept a dimit, and gave as reason therefor that the Chapter had no right to grant him a dimit until his dues were paid. The Chapter asked for instructions."

"*Answer.*—There is no such thing as a conditional dimit. The companion is entitled to full membership in your Chapter. Your Chapter should be reprov'd for its course, and the companion censured for repudiating his own act."

"*Fourth Query.*—Some six months ago a member who had removed from the immediate jurisdiction of a Chapter, sent by mail the amount of dues and a written request for a dimit. A companion objected, and asked that his objection be made of record, which was done. Since that time, although frequently importuned to do so, he has neglected to prefer charges. The High Priest applied to me to know what course to pursue."

"*Answer.*—If the applicant has paid his dues to date of application and makes a written request for a dimit, he is entitled to it, if a vote of a majority of the members

concur. I know of no rule that authorizes an objection to be entered on application for dimit; but, however, such a course would be commendable until the objector could have time to present his objections in the form of charges. I recommend, therefore, that the High Priest advise the objector of this communication, and that if he failed to present charges at the next regular meeting, to order the ballot spread on the application, and if a majority of the companions present vote affirmatively, that the dimit be issued."

"*Fifth Query.*—Is a member in good standing, clear of the books, and with no charges preferred, entitled to a dimit as a matter of right, or is he bound to give his reasons therefor?"

"*Answer.*—The companion is entitled to his dimit as a matter of right. (See proceedings 1873, page 19, in which opinion I fully concur.)"

"*Sixth Query.*—A member was dismissed for non-payment of dues September, 1878. In February, 1880, he paid his delinquent dues and asked to be reinstated. The Chapter unanimously refused to reinstate him. The companion then asked for a dimit; the Chapter applied to me to know if they could grant him a dimit, and if not, should they refund the money, etc.?"

"*Answer.*—When your Chapter dismissed the companion from membership he was at once without the pale of your Chapter, and he could only return as the law directs, by payment of dues to time of dismission, and a vote of two-thirds of the companions present. Both of these steps were necessary to so restore him. The companion has done his part as far as he was able; but the Chapter have equally their rights, and may *elect* or *reject*. Since they decide to reject, this ends the controversy. You could not grant a dimit without restoring him to membership. As to the dues paid, you have the *right* to retain them, but whether you should do so depends on the condition of the applicant. When he paid his dues, he no doubt did so expecting to be restored. You have a right to restore the money, and an equal right to retain it."

"*Seventh Query.*—A companion having his dues regularly paid in the Chapter is arraigned for non-payment of dues due from him in his Council at time of consolidation. Can he be suspended from his Chapter for this cause?"

"*Answer.*—No. The articles of consolidation adopted at the session of 1878 cannot be construed to authorize a Chapter to suspend a member for delinquent dues in the Council. The greatest penalty that could be visited upon him would be to deprive him of the right to sit in Royal Master and Select Master degrees, and not this unless he had been suspended by the Council *before the action* of the Grand Chapter and Council in adopting articles of consolidation. I direct that such proceedings be dismissed."

"*Eighth Query.*—Same Chapter says: At time of consolidation we transferred delinquent dues in Council to books of Chapter. Can a member be suspended for refusing to pay them? and can a dimit be granted while such charges remain—that is, old Council dues?"

"*Answer.*—You cannot suspend from Chapter for those dues. If a companion pays up all other charges against him, he is entitled to a dimit. The truth is, they have no right on your Chapter books, and if they are there they are wrongfully there, and cannot be enforced."

From the first of these decisions we dissent. The candidate is a brother Past Master, and no member has the right to bar his progress by a simple objection without explanation. If the candidate has been guilty of any act sufficiently heinous to bar his progress to the Royal Arch degree, then he is unworthy to be hailed as a Past Master, and he should be tried, and, if convicted, expelled or suspended.

The fifth decision is undeniably correct; and the fourth would have been, had it stopped in the right place. We endorse the following portion of it as correct:—

"If the applicant has paid his dues to date of application and makes a written (or verbal) request for a dimit, he is entitled to it," if no charges are preferred against him. The fact that some companion contemplates preferring charges against him at some future time does not affect his right to dimit; and charges may be preferred after he has dimitted just as well as before, for by granting him a dimit, the Chapter does not lose its jurisdiction over him, should he render himself obnoxious to Masonic discipline.

As to the seventh and eighth queries, we can only say that they exhibit some of the annoying complications likely to arise from the consolidation scheme.

The Grand Secretary made an interesting report in which, under the head of "A New Departure in Iowa," he presents the following letter:—

"OTTUMWA, Iowa, April 17th, 1880.

W. B. LANGRIDGE, Esq., Grand Secretary, Muscatine, Iowa :

"Dear Sir—*Clinton* Chapter has amended By-Laws as follows :

"Sec. 9. Any member of this Chapter not indebted for dues, or otherwise, may, upon application at any stated Convocation, by a vote of the members present, become a life member by paying into the treasury the sum of \$40, thereby retaining all the rights and privileges of active membership ; such life membership, and the sum paid therefor, to be in lieu of and exempt the member paying therefor from payment of current dues. He shall remain subject to all the rules, laws, and regulations of the Order, and, in case of suspension or expulsion, shall forfeit the sum so paid, and all the privileges of life membership, until regularly reinstated.

"Sec. 10. Any member who has regularly and continuously paid all dues and assessments against him for twenty years, may, in consideration of long and faithful service, upon vote of the Chapter, be placed on the life membership list and exempted from payment of current dues, subject to the same provisions as in Section 9 of this article.

"Sec. 11. Any member who has regularly and continuously paid all dues and assessments against him for five years or more, may, upon vote of the Chapter, be placed upon the life membership list by paying the sum of \$40, less the amount of \$2 for each year that he has paid annual dues."

"What effect does this have in relation to the payment of Grand Chapter dues? Are there any circumstances that relieve a subordinate Chapter from paying Grand Chapter dues upon all its members?

"Fraternally yours,

W. A. MCGREW."

He also says:—

"Every year there come up one or more claims from Chapters for the privilege of exempting from dues to Grand Chapter companions who, from age, ill health, or poverty, are unable to contribute to its support. The plan has been in use in the Grand Lodge for many years, and has worked well. Under our law the Grand Secretary has no authority to allow any reduction to any one. If a Chapter remits the dues of needy companions, it has to itself pay for them. The Grand Chapter is now endeavoring to establish a charity fund, and I would respectfully submit whether it would not be well, as a kind of practical charity, to adopt a regulation looking to the excusing from the payment by the subordinate Chapters of dues to the Grand Chapter for those companions from whom, on account of age, infirmity, or poverty, they themselves collect no dues. The Grand Chapter is now in circumstances which will permit this without serious inconvenience."

The committee to whom these matters were referred, reported as follows:—

"Your special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand Secretary's Report relating to the 'exemption from dues,' etc., would respectfully submit the following report :

"While we heartily concur with the Grand Secretary in recommending charity to those members of subordinate Chapters who are unable to pay dues, we are not in favor of allowing subordinate Chapters the right of creating honorary members for a consideration, and excusing the same from paying dues to the Grand Chapter, believing such action would be detrimental to the Royal Craft. We find nothing in the Constitution or general regulations of this Grand Body forbidding subordinate Chapters from creating honorary or life members of the same, but we hold that such Chapters should be, for the good of the Craft, held for Grand Chapter dues for all such members, and therefore see no reason for any change in the rule existing heretofore."

An effort was made to lay this report upon the table until the next Annual Convocation, which happily failed, and it was very properly adopted.

The Committee on Grievances report but one case referred to them. A companion appealed from the action of a subordinate Chapter in suspending him from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. The appellant got but "cold comfort," as the following report will show:—

"The defendant plead guilty in the Blue Lodge, the record of which was brought in as evidence in the Chapter trial, besides other testimony, sufficient, in the judgment of your committee, to convict the defendant, although he plead 'not guilty' on the trial in Cryptic Chapter.

Your committee have no doubt of his guilt. They find that the trial was regular, and in accordance with the Code of this jurisdiction, and would recommend that the action of Cryptic Chapter be sustained.



"It is the judgment of your committee that the defendant should have been punished with expulsion instead of suspension."

The Committee on Finance report the assets of the Grand Chapter to be as follows:—

United States Bonds .....	\$4,000 00
Cash in hands Grand Treasurer.....	981 01
Cash in hands Grand Secretary.....	79 87
Cash in hands Grand High Priest.....	70 00
Total.....	\$5,130 88

The Grand Chapter refused to adopt an amendment to the Constitution reducing the dues of subordinates from fifty cents to twenty-five cents *per capita per annua*.

In answer to the query, "Does suspension by a Blue Lodge, for non-payment of dues, suspend a member of a Chapter who is in arrears for dues?" the Committee on Jurisprudence reported that "Suspension for any cause in Lodge equally and at once suspends the companion in the Chapter, and he should so be returned in the reports to the Grand Secretary."

The Report on Correspondence, by the veteran Comp. T. R. ERCANBRACK, is too much condensed to answer the purpose of a report, he having compressed his review of the transactions of thirty-four Grand Chapters into as many pages.

In his opening remarks he says:—

"Your Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the current year have complied with the views of the Grand Chapter, as we understood them. Economy of expenditure seemed to be the *desideratum*; hence our report is brief. We have dispensed with quotations almost altogether, and have not sought to tax the treasury with a display of our own spleen or facetiousness."

We respectfully submit that a Grand Chapter with more than five thousand dollars in its treasury has no right to *contract the powers* of so able a writer as Comp. ERCANBRACK. His previous reports have elicited the commendation of his contemporaries "whosoever dispersed," and even the present one, curtailed as it is of its fair proportions, gives evidence of latent power which chafes within its bounds, and fain would spread its pinions in unrestricted freedom. Of California for 1880, he says:—

"California is a great state; and there lies before us a voluminous pamphlet indicative of thrift and enterprise—in fact it is the thickest volume we are called upon to review. On opening the book, we discover that, after all, there have been but fifty-one Chapters in the jurisdiction, four of which have ceased to exist. Of the forty-seven remaining ones, forty-three were represented in Grand Chapter, two of the same being under dispensation until the charters were issued.

"Grand High Priest N. W. SPAULDING, in his lengthy and business-like Address, complains that some Chapters are not sufficiently courteous to strangers, and that some of the Royal Arch Masons are profane. We trust that his admonitions touching these points will be heeded.

"Companion CASWELL submitted his long and valuable Report on Correspondence on the first day; it therefore appears in the first day's proceedings. That is respectful. Here in Iowa the Grand Secretary always causes this report to bring up the rear, and then perhaps, leaves it out when the proceedings are bound.

"Companion CASWELL is not pleased with our 'bob-tailed' Report on Correspondence for 1879. He says the idea of reports by representatives at first struck him favorably, but he deems our experiment a 'grand failure.' Yet he speaks well of the reports 'as far as they go.' We would like to read Companion CASWELL's report all through, but life is too short."

We trust that the life of Comp. ERCANBRACK will be spared long enough to read the present one *all through*, and that senility will not overtake him before he has completed the task.

Under the head of Delaware, he says:—

"Our Delaware fraters discussed the matter of imitating Iowa in the way of utilizing of Grand Representatives by making reporters of them. But they wisely saw that many a dignified representative would answer very well for a figure-head, but when it comes to the hard, practical work of preparing a report, very few of them could 'fill the bill.'"

On a close inspection of the finance report, we notice the Grand Secretary has a salary of \$50.00 per year, the Grand Tyler \$5.00, and 'refreshments for Grand Chapter, \$29.84.' Aha! We see what came so near demolishing the Treasury! Companions of Delaware, beware!

"We also notice that the Council degrees seem mysterious, and companions are vainly waiting to receive them. Why, companions, we have a one hundred and twenty pound guard at the prison here, (Anamosa) that could confer the Council degrees on every Royal Arch Mason in Delaware in twelve hours! Shall we send him down?"

Look out, Comp. EROANBRACK, Delaware is jealous of her dignity, and a Lewis wields the pen in that jurisdiction. And again under the head of District of Columbia, this irreverent reviewer of small jurisdictions has the following:—

"The soil of the District of Columbia is very productive of Chapters, there being no less than eight in that little nick of Maryland. The companions in that disfranchised country meet often in Grand Chapter to exemplify the work. It is fair to presume that uniform work prevails throughout the borders of that Grand Jurisdiction. Then comes a semi-annual convocation, wherein representatives from each Chapter assemble, amend a by-law for a subordinate Chapter, pass resolutions of respect for Comp. GEORGE FRANK GOULEY, felicitate themselves upon the happy manner in which they presented a volume of old records to the Grand Chapter of Maryland, witness the presentation of three Grand Representatives, appropriate a small sum of money, and adjourn."

Spirit of EDWIN MASON, where art thou? NOBLE LARNER, to the rescue; meet this ruffler of Iowa in the reportorial lists, and with grinded pen maintain the dignity of the District.

Under the head of Maine we find the following:—

"Our Maine fraters are eminently conservative. After Comp. DRUMMOND had prepared the report on correspondence for a quarter of a century, more or less, it would not do to allow an unsophisticated successor to step to the front and assume full powers at once. Whoever the successor of so distinguished an author is to be, must be under training for a time. So Comp. JOHN S. DENBY has been placed in the pilot-house as a pupil (a *cub* they call it on the Mississippi River). Comp. JOSIAH has allowed him to take a few turns at the wheel where the navigation was not difficult. In the proceedings of Maine for 1880, it is stated, 'Comp. JOHN S. DENBY having been promoted to a 'partnership in the concern,' speaks for himself.' But here arises an embarrassing difficulty. If any doughty knight of the quill should desire to make a deadly thrust at JOSIAH, he might give JOHN the mortal blow; because there is nothing to show where JOSIAH permits JOHN to 'put in his work.'"

We would gladly make many more extracts had we the space, but we have given enough to show the ability of the writer, and to excite feelings of regret that so skillful and practical a pen should be restricted in its festive frolickings by considerations of a false economy.

There are ninety Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 4,533; a gain of 159 during the year.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected, the latter for the twenty-second time.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Davenport on the seventh day of June, 1881.

#### LOUISIANA.

The thirty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of New Orleans on the tenth day of February, 1880,—the M. E. WILLIAM S. BENEDICT, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., being Grand Secretary. All the Grand Officers were present, and eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is the briefest paper of its kind which has come to our notice. He apparently had nothing to say, and said it. During his term of office he had nothing to do, and diligently attended to the performance of his task.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$1.45. The proceedings

are barren of interest; there is no Report on Correspondence, and the reporter searches in vain for a peg upon which to hang a few brief and *impertinent* remarks.

The *M. E.* EDWIN H. FAY was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* JAMES C. BATCHELOR, M. D., was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The thirty-fourth Annual Convocation will be held in the city of New Orleans on the fifteenth day of February, 1891.

#### MAINE.

The Grand Chapter of Maine held its fifty-fifth Annual Convocation in the city of Portland on the fourth day of May, 1880,—the *M. E.* JOSEPH M. HAYES, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* IRA BERRY being Grand Secretary. The Grand officers were all present at roll call, and thirty-seven subordinate Chapters out of forty-three were represented. Representatives from nineteen Grand Chapters were also present.

The Grand High Priest's Address is principally confined to a report of his official acts and visitations. He announces the death of the *M. E.* MOSES DODGE, Past Grand High Priest, and the Rev. and *E.* CHARLES A. CURTIS, Grand Chaplain, who was unfortunately drowned while seeking recreation at Moosehead Lake, during his annual vacation. Fitting tributes were rendered to the memory of each. The visitations paid by the Grand High Priest appear to have been generally satisfactory to him, and the work of the subordinates, in most instances, receives his commendation. He says:—

"The publication of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter, the Digest of Decisions, and the Standing Regulations, and the increasing desire on the part of officers of the various Chapters to thoroughly understand them, have lessened the duties of this office very materially."

On the subject of "treatment of candidates," he thus sensibly expresses his views:—

"In teaching the lesson of humility, a candidate should never be reduced to the reptile's vile crawling. Man, of all God's creatures, was made to walk erect, and thus is displayed his royalty over all animate beings. To 'stoop low' it is not necessary to degrade. Every High Priest should be careful and swift to rebuke any attempt to trifle with a candidate. There is a mock kind of humility which is to be reprobated as much as the most pharisaical haughtiness. However humble a man should be before his God, he should have enough of self-respect to enable him to carry his head erect along the path of life, never bowing it except in those gentle courtesies which characterize the finest social amenities."

His "conclusion" is worthy of serious attention:—

"The great end and aim of our exertions as Masons should be to place the Masonic Institution upon that moral eminence where it may be viewed with admiration by all mankind. Founded as it was, on the best attributes of human nature—calculated, as it is, to bring into activity the most noble impulses of the human heart—we, who are now responsible not only for its safety, but, if possible, for its improvement, shall have a startling account to settle with Deity hereafter, if we are false to our trusts—if we suffer it to become less important to humanity, less efficient in the great cause of benevolence, less respected and less revered by the great human family, than it was when it came into our keeping. If our daily actions do not correspond with our professions, then, indeed, have we labored for naught; if we are not found laboring to disseminate true Masonic light and knowledge, by precept and example, then we are but poor and shallow pretenders, and wofully do we fail in our duties."

He decided that a companion's relations in the Chapter are not affected by his suspension in the Lodge for non-payment of dues. If in Maine they have different degrees of suspension, with graduated penalties, the decision may be correct; but to us, it appears to defeat the very object of the law which prescribes suspension as a penalty for the non-payment of dues. The idea is, to force recreant members to the performance of their duty; and there are too many in every jurisdiction who would willingly submit to suspension by their Lodges, provided they could still retain their membership in the Chapter, Council, and Commandery. By this means they escape

all the hard work of Masonry, and yet enjoy all the benefits of the Masonic relation. In the Chapter the calls of charity are seldom heard, the sick and distressed are not cared for, nor the dead buried, for all this is done by the Lodge. The suspended non-contributor, therefore, escapes all the responsibilities incumbent upon his more worthy and conscientious brethren, and is perfectly willing that they shall bear the burden and heat of the day while he refreshes himself beneath the genial shade of the Royal Arch. In California we have but one quality of suspension, and that is the pure, unadulterated, original article, that means just what it says, and soon brings the unwilling and neglectful member to terms. We think the decision is unjust to the Lodges, and we maintain that the principle upon which it is based is wrong, even though so high an authority as Comp. DRUMMOND sustains it.

The Report of the Grand Secretary is extended this year to three and a half lines, and contains the usual terse announcement that the records are presented for examination. This style of report is peculiar to Comp. BERRY, and, as he has been Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter since Mount Katahdin was a "hole in the ground," we presume it is satisfactory to his companions, albeit the information to be gleaned from it by outsiders is somewhat meager.

A standing regulation was adopted requiring an annual assessment of fifteen cents per member upon the subordinate Chapters, for the purpose of defraying the necessary expenses of the Grand Chapter. Very little business was transacted having more than a local interest.

The Report on Correspondence is the joint production of Comps. JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND and JOHN S. DERBY, and the *firm* have succeeded in doing an excellent business, as they have obtained and reported upon the transactions of forty-one Grand Chapters, leaving only South Carolina and West Virginia to be accounted for. The review of California for 1880 was prepared by Comp. DERBY, and is couched in courteous and fraternal terms.

Referring to that portion of Comp. SPAULDING's Address relative to the "vulgar error" of profanity, he says: "Other jurisdictions may well second the efforts of Comp. SPAULDING in this direction, and no where can the effort be made with better promise of success than in the Masonic Lodge." He notices the fact that the California Code contains no penal provision for the "error." The ancient "blue laws" prescribed death and confiscation of goods as the penalty for the crime of profane swearing; but in Maine the wise legislators, seeing that a strict construction and application of the law would depopulate the State, modified the penalty to fine and imprisonment, and it thus remains until this day. Yet the reporter quaintly remarks: "Somehow or other this statute does not perceptibly diminish the evil."

Masonry has been described as a "beautiful system of morality," and therefore any offense against morality is a Masonic offense, and subject to Masonic penalties. Profane swearing, intemperance, gambling, and their kindred vices, when practised by a Mason, render him amenable to charges of unmasonic conduct; and the California Code does not particularize any vice for its special condemnation. Profanity in a Mason is a moral deformity, and in a Royal Arch Mason it amounts to a monstrosity, and should be met with heroic treatment.

Comp. DERBY takes occasion to give us a rap on the knuckles, but immediately applies a healing salve. He says:—

"The question was submitted to the Committee on Jurisprudence, whether the suspension, for non-payment of dues, of a companion who had made objection to the initiation of an applicant, would authorize the Chapter to confer the degrees. The reply was of course in the negative, and we regret to notice that Comp. CASWELL, in his very able Report on Correspondence, expresses a different opinion upon a similar proposition arising in Michigan.

(*Balm.*) We do not intend it as a mere conventionality when we use the word *able* in connection with this report. It is a candid and exhaustive review of the thirty-seven jurisdictions whose proceedings had been received; and although it paragraphs freely, criticism is not spared where it is needed."

We thank our esteemed companion for his complimentary notice of our report, and assure him that the compliment is appreciated; but to the matter in hand, to wit, his regret at our expressing an opinion, and that opinion at variance with the decision of our committee on Jurisprudence, we desire to call the attention of our companion to the fact that we were not discussing the question in the light of California jurisprudence, and the decision of our committee is in no wise applicable to the Michigan case. In California an objection made by a companion to the advancement of a candidate after election, but before the conferring of a degree, has the effect of a rejection by ballot, and no other; consequently, if a wrong has been done the applicant by reason of the objection, it may be righted in six months by a new application. Not so under the law in Michigan, as we understand it. There, if an objection be made, it must be withdrawn before the candidate can receive the degrees. The Grand High Priest decided—and, in our opinion, very properly—that “if the objecting companion is afterwards suspended for unmasonic conduct, that removes the objection so far as he is concerned, and the High Priest may confer the degrees unless some other companion objects.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence say: “The objection must be withdrawn before the candidate can advance.”

“The death or suspension of the objector does not invalidate the *reasons given* for the objection.”

Very true; but the reasons given may, at the time of the suspension or death of the objector, no longer exist; yet, as in case of suspension, the objection may not be removed, and in case of death it cannot be, a perpetual barrier is erected against the advancement of the candidate. Or it may, and often does occur, that objection is made and no reason is given; the objector is afterwards suspended, expelled, or dies; the members of the Chapter know no reason why the candidate should not be advanced; he is a Master Mason in good standing, a man of good report in the community, yet he is debarred from advancement because the objection—perhaps utterly unfounded—of one who is no longer a member of the Chapter has not been formally withdrawn.

We still maintain that the Grand High Priest was right, the Committee on Jurisprudence and Comp. DERBY to the contrary notwithstanding. We have accorded so much space to the discussion of this question, not so much to vindicate our own opinion, as to remove the impression which the remark of Comp. DERBY would naturally convey, that we were placed in a position antagonistic to that of our Committee on Jurisprudence, which is not the fact.

He thinks we err in our illustration, used in our review of Maryland last year, with reference to our rule requiring visitors to state that they have not been stricken from the roll of their Lodge for any cause; and says that, “while California may properly fix the standard of affiliation in its own jurisdiction, she cannot properly prescribe one for others.” While we have no desire to prescribe rules for the government of other jurisdictions, we are determined that our own shall be respected; and while our companion says that there is no parallel between an applicant who hails from Maine and one who comes from the jurisdiction of the Grand Orient of France, yet we must remember that, although the edict of non-intercourse has gone forth, the Grand Orient is still recognized by many of the Grand Lodges of the world as a legitimate Grand Body; and from their standpoint, that the only cause for which the Grand Orient was placed under the ban, was an attempt on the part of the Grand Lodges of America to prescribe for them a standard of religious belief. We are no apologist for the Grand Orient, and most sincerely denounce the course they have taken, as subversive of the fundamental principles of Masonry; yet, when Comp. DERBY says “California has no right to prescribe a standard of affiliation for others,” we cannot help thinking that the Grand Orient might with equal propriety say, Maine has no right to prescribe a standard of religious belief for us, and, that there is a parallel, after all. Parallel or no parallel, California has determined not

to encourage Masonic vagrants, and recognizes as Masons in good standing only those who do their duty as such while able so to do.

Comp. DERBY in further reference to our report says:—

"The review of Maine is fraternal and complimentary. The visitor question is treated at some length upon the hypothesis that Comp. DRUMMOND misapprehended the action of the Grand Chapter. The explanation, however, convinces us that he did not, and though there may be peculiar circumstances under which an unaffiliated Mason may be in good standing in his Chapter in California, yet the general rule, as stated by Comp. DRUMMOND, and his comments thereon, we regard as correct."

The statement that Comp. DRUMMOND did not misapprehend the action of our Grand Chapter somewhat surprises us. In his report of last year, with reference to this question, Comp. DRUMMOND says: "While the Pennsylvania resolutions do not go so far, the Grand Chapter of California decided that *membership in a Lodge is indispensable to membership in a Chapter.*" Comp. DERBY, by asserting that Comp. DRUMMOND did not misapprehend the action of the Grand Chapter, places our worthy and esteemed companion in a position which he, of his own volition, is incapable of assuming, viz.: that of asserting an untruth; for he makes the square assertion that our Grand Chapter has decided that membership in a Lodge is indispensable to membership in a Chapter, whereas the truth is, that no such decision was made or intended.

We find it is difficult to reconcile the following, under the head of Canada, with the decision of the Grand High Priest, sustained by Comp. DRUMMOND, that "a companion's relations in the Chapter are not affected by his suspension in the Lodge for non-payment of dues:—"

"The Grand High Priest of Canada (FRED. J. MENET) says 'that the Grand Master of Manitoba, having suspended from the privileges of Masonry several brethren who were companions of the Royal Arch, exception was taken by some of the members of the Chapter at Winnipeg to their being present and assisting in the installation of officers and candidates'; and thereupon, he had ruled 'That suspension by a Craft Lodge, whether grand or subordinate, had no force in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, this Order alone having the right to pass judgment upon any of its members.'"

"We have heretofore discussed this question, and do not propose to renew the discussion. The decision is in direct conflict with the decision of every other American Grand Chapter and every other Body of every Masonic grade of which we have any knowledge. It is held in Canada that a man may be a Royal Arch Mason without being a Master Mason; and we presume it would also be held, upon the same principle, that the *second* story of a house would continue to stand after the *first* story has been swept away, *provided they have different owners!*"

The reporter, still writing of Canada, thus continues:—

"The Report on Correspondence (86 pp.) was presented by Comp. HENRY ROBERTSON. He gives few comments, and these are in defence of the decision above referred to; but his arguments will not avail much, until he can show that the removal of the foundation of a structure does not disturb the structure itself.

"We *will* add this, however: an expelled Mason is dead to the Fraternity: he has no right to use a single sign, token, or word of any one of the Lodge degrees: whoever unites with him in giving a sign, token, or word of these degrees, *as such*, holds Masonic communication with an expelled Mason, and is liable to expulsion for so doing: the Chapter is so founded upon the first three degrees, that those present in the Chapter are often called upon to use the secrets of the Blue degrees as such: thus an expelled Mason in the Chapter is allowed—nay, required—to join with the Companions in the use of that which he has no right whatever to use, and which no Master Mason has a right to join with him in using. We do not care how "independent" a Chapter is of a Lodge: so long as it uses the secrets of the Lodge, *as such*, it is bound to use them as the Master Mason uses them, and *not* to use them in the presence of those in whose presence a Master Mason cannot use them. Every time a Royal Arch Mason uses the secrets of the Lodge degrees in the presence of, and in union with, a person not entitled, in consequence of suspension or expulsion by his Lodge, to use them, he violates his obligations, and, in our judgment, deserves to be expelled also. Comp. ROBERTSON has never alluded to this view, which has heretofore been only hinted at, and not discussed, in consequence of the difficulty of doing so: he may now no longer wonder at the horror which his views excite in this country."

This, to us, looks a good deal like blowing hot and cold in the same breath. We endorse every syllable of the above argument, and could not improve much on it if we should try. The reporter says: "An expelled Mason is dead to the Fraternity." True: so is a suspended Mason,—during the term of his suspension,—dead as JULIUS CÆSAR, for all the purposes above mentioned. No matter whether he is suspended for non-payment of dues or for stealing a sheep; the fact that he is suspended, by competent authority, is enough. We hope the firm of DRUMMOND and DEBBY will more clearly define their position, for we are "*bothered intirely*" with these contradictory opinions.

Comp. DRUMMOND has hitherto held that the actual presence of the Charter in the Lodge or Chapter hall was not necessary to the legal opening of the body and the transaction of business. It appears, however, that he has been converted by the arguments of Comp. PILLANS, of Alabama, who maintains the opposite view.

Under the head of Alabama, Comp. DRUMMOND says:—

"The definition of a Lodge contemplates the actual presence of the charter as much as it does that of the 'three great lights.' Such was the ancient idea of a charter, and where the Chapter degrees were conferred in a Chapter appurtenant to a Lodge, the presence of the Lodge charter was deemed indispensable; and instances are on record in which a charter was borrowed, in order to have one present. So, Comp. PILLANS, we do modify our views, as you thought we might."

From this, it appears that Comp. DRUMMOND *does* sometimes change his mind; and we do not yet despair of bringing him to a realizing sense of the obliquity of his mental vision upon the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues, etc.

The report is one of the best among the many good ones from Maine, and there is much in it that we would gladly quote had we time and space. The usual valuable statistical table is appended, by which it appears that the number of Royal Arch Masons, borne upon the rolls of the different Chapters, has decreased during the year about one thousand.

In this jurisdiction there are forty-three subordinate Chapters, with an aggregate membership of 4,072.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Portland, on Tuesday, the third day of May, A. D. 1881.

#### MARYLAND.

This Grand Chapter held its Annual Convocation in the city of Baltimore on the ninth day of November, 1880,—the M. E. EDMUND J. OPPETT, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE L. McCABAN being Grand Secretary. Ten subordinate Chapters were represented.

In his Address the Grand High Priest announces the death of Comps. GEO. A. HANSON, Past Grand King, HENRY W. WORTHINGTON, Past High Priest of *Concordia* Chapter, No. 1, and NICHOLAS BREWER, an aged companion, who, although not a member of the Grand Chapter, was well known to all, and whose sterling qualities as man and Mason were generally appreciated. He was a soldier in the war of 1812, and was initiated as an Entered Apprentice in 1818. Born in 1789, at the date of his death, Jan. 9th, 1880, he had completed his century of life, sixty-two years of which had been spent in active Masonic duties. So highly was he esteemed among his brethren, that the Grand Master convened the Grand Lodge for the purpose of paying the last sad tribute of respect to his memory.

Of the late triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, the Grand High Priest says:—

"The deliberations of this exalted body of Royal Arch Masons were conducted with the dignity which is peculiarly its own, and which is in strict consonance with the character of Royal Arch Masons, and tended throughout to the strengthening of the fraternal chains that bind the thirty-five jurisdictions together, and make of them one confederation, and thereby, in measure, though not to a degree commensurate with our hopes, investing the General Grand Chapter with some of the coveted power which has been denied it from time to time.

"It has always been the policy of the representatives of this Grand Body to accord sufficient power for usefulness to the General Grand Chapter. This power it does not as yet enjoy, and this Grand Chapter, in view of the then pending amendment to the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, did, in 1858, in Grand Convocation, adopt a resolution 'acknowledging the authority and power of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, and refusing to countenance the efforts of subordinate Grand Chapters to deprive the General Grand Chapter of the position of Supreme Grand Council in the administration of Royal Arch Masonry in the United States, declaring that the General Grand Chapter does not derive its powers from the Grand Chapters of the several States, as those Grand Chapters now exist and operate; but that, on the contrary, the State Grand Chapters derive their authority from the General Grand Chapter, and are subordinate thereto.'"

"Armed with these declarations, and convinced of their justice, the representatives of this Grand Chapter, with one exception, together with Comp. CHARLES GILMAN, that Prince of Royal Arch Masons, then *M. E. G. H.* Priest of the General Grand Chapter, cast their votes against the passage of the measure which bereft the General Grand Chapter of its power for usefulness. From that hour, and up to this present time, it has had no power to enforce its enactments, save through the medium of companions prompted thereto by a sense of justice, and a desire to advance the interests of Royal Arch Masonry, and who realize that the welfare of Capitalar Masonry is promoted by a loyal adhesion to the General Grand Body, and a cheerful compliance with its requirements."

It is greatly to be regretted that the Supreme Body of Royal Arch Masons in this country should occupy so anomalous a position. It is a sovereign without power; it may declare the law, but has no authority to execute it; it may issue its decrees, but is powerless to enforce them; it may condemn, but cannot punish. Surely such a state of affairs ought not to exist.

The following decisions were rendered:—

"A subordinate Chapter cannot confer the degrees upon a clergyman gratuitously.

"A Chapter in this jurisdiction can recognize a dimit granted by a Mark Lodge under the 'Provincial Grand Lodge of England.'"

The Grand High Priest, in company with the Grand Lecturer, had visited every subordinate Chapter in the jurisdiction; an example worthy of imitation.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in bank of \$1,365.86. The proceedings of the Grand Chapter were brief, and confined to matters of local interest.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. EDWARD T. SCHULTZ, is a well written and interesting review of the proceedings of forty-one Grand Chapters; being all in the United States and British Provinces, except Rhode Island and West Virginia, whose proceedings are published biennially. California for 1880 receives a proper share of his attention and courteous comment. He says of Comp. SPAULDING's address, "it is rather above the average, both as regards quantity and quality," and quotes freely from it to prove that his judgment is correct. He says our report last year was an admirable one; for which compliment we mentally make *Ko-tou*.

He quotes our remarks in answer to his strictures upon our rule, excluding visiting companions from other jurisdictions who may be suspended by the Lodge for non payment of dues, and to which he responds as follows:—

"With due deference to our distinguished companion, we think there is no similarity whatever in the two cases. As he correctly says, 'our Grand Lodges (and we add every regular Grand Lodge throughout the world we believe)' have issued an edict of non-intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, and all brethren are forbidden to hold any communication whatever with the brethren of that jurisdiction. But the Grand Chapter of California, by this action, excludes as visitors to its subordinate Chapters, companions who are deemed and regarded in good standing by jurisdictions with whom the Grand Chapter of California is in friendly and fraternal intercourse!"

We have discussed this question fully under the heads of Canada, Maine, and Massachusetts, and we ask Comp. SCHULTZ to take the trouble to read our review of those jurisdictions for an expression of our views upon the subject at issue. He further says:—

"In the two quotations which we have given from his report, he shows, we



think, some little feeling, and which is not warranted by the language used by us. If, however, we should have failed to discuss any question with candor, or should have been wanting in courtesy in any of our reports, we are extremely sorry. The views expressed by Comp. CASWELL last year, under review of Maryland, contrasted with the sound Masonic views enunciated by him under review of Mississippi, *did* appear to us 'flippant' and inconsistent. We are perfectly aware that the recognition of the Grand Chapter of Quebec 'has nothing in common with the subject referred to.' We merely quoted the language he used in that connection to show its inconsistency, with that used by him in the review of our report for the same year, and we trust he will pardon us if we say we still think the views expressed in the several reviews referred to *are* inconsistent."

We have carefully reviewed our remarks, both under the head of Maryland and Mississippi, and fail to detect any inconsistency, much less "flippancy," in them. In one case we were simply defending a rule of our jurisdiction which allows a brother to occupy the Master's chair without having served as a Warden, and which conflicts with a strict construction of one of the "ancient regulations;" we carelessly used the word "landmark," which we did not intend; and in the other case we were deploring the constant seeking after something new—some radical departure from old and established customs which the progress of the age does not render necessary, and which only serves to gratify the thirst for novelty and change, sometimes manifested in such projects as that of turning the Lodge or Chapter into an insurance company, organizing in the Chapter an "Order of Past Masters," for the purpose of "conferring the Past Master's degree upon Masters elect of Lodges," and other kindred absurdities.

We acquit Comp. SCHULTZ of any intentional discourtesy, but we cannot consider the term "flippant" as courteous or respectful, when applied to the opinions or writings of a companion. We may differ widely in opinion; nay, we may sometimes entertain a feeling closely allied to contempt for the opinions of others; but, in such cases, it is well either to refrain from noticing them at all, or if we prefer to combat them, to hide our contempt beneath a veil of courtesy; otherwise we do but stir up strife and discord, elements which should never be allowed to enter into these reports.

The following remarks by Comp. DRUMMOND (an authority for which we know Comp. SCHULTZ, as well as ourself, entertains the highest respect) upon the "ancient landmarks and regulations," expresses exactly our ideas, and fully sustains the position which we, as well as our predecessor, have taken upon this subject.

Under the head of Wisconsin, Comp. DRUMMOND says:—

"We think it well to soften the rigor of the old regulation—*landmark*, if you will; for the laws of Masonry, under whatever name you class them, must be capable of modification, or the brotherhood cannot long endure. Whether we will or not, we *must* accompany the world in its solemn march. The wrecks of civilization and of religion that strew the pathway of time, like the fossil in its rocky matrix, teach that social as well as physical organisms *must* adapt themselves to the ever-varying media through which they pass."

There is the whole subject, as it were, "in a nutshell." We contend for this and nothing more. And now, Comp. SCHULTZ, having picked this crow between us, let us bury the carcass and wait for the next bird.

Under the head of District of Columbia, Comp. SCHULTZ says:—

"Comp. LARNER gives Maryland, for 1878 and 1879, kind and fraternal review. He again takes issue with our views in regard to summary punishment. As we find ourselves in a glorious minority on this subject, we will, we suppose, have to do as he recommends, 'make an early surrender.' Before doing so, however, we say that we still don't think it is at all necessary to prefer charges and give a regular trial to a brother or companion who has been tried and convicted of gross crimes by the Courts. There now!—scissors, scissors, s-c-i-s-s-o-r-s."

Under the head of Kansas, he quotes the following:—

"He contends 'that any Chapter can communicate the information contained in the Council degrees to any regularly-made Royal Arch Mason, and just as legally, too, as any Council can. Of course where there are regular Councils, it would not be courteous to do so without their consent. Then why cannot a Lodge communicate

to any regularly-made Master Mason the information contained in the Royal Arch degree? We believe the 'Holy Royal Arch' was formerly conferred by Masters' Lodges, a right which in time was relinquished. At one time the Cryptic degrees were regularly conferred by the Chapter, but were finally organized as a separate body. Now, if we can of 'our own sweet will' retrace our steps in the matter of the Council, why can't we push it still further, and away with the Chapter as well?"

To which he replies :—

"All that we can say at present in reply to the above is, if the Grand Chapter should surrender its control over the Royal Arch degree, as the Grand Council has of its degrees, it would, we think, be perfectly competent for the Lodges to assume control of the Royal Arch degree, if they saw proper to do so, and confer it upon Master Masons, as was 'formerly' the practice; and we, for one, would rejoice to see this accomplished. There never should have been more than four degrees in Masonry."

But suppose the Grand Chapter should surrender the control of the Royal Arch degree, would it be competent for the Lodges to confer it without the consent of the Grand Lodge? The Grand Lodge, the head of Ancient Craft Masonry, recognizes but three degrees—Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, and Master Mason. The General Grand Chapter, the head of Capitular Masonry, recognizes but four degrees—Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch; and no Chapter holding allegiance to this Grand Body has the right to add to or subtract from the curriculum by it prescribed.

Under the head of Mississippi, with reference to the report of a committee recommending the life insurance plan, Comp. SCHULTZ says, and we most heartily concur:—

"So we go! The committee would have this grand old institution of ours turned into a life insurance company; its corner-stone, charity, demolished, and our temples become the seat of the money-changers. Rather than this, we say, let every Chapter in the country surrender its charter."

Under the head of Missouri, he thus notices the action of that Grand Chapter in revoking the commission of Comp. BYERS as representative near the Grand Chapter of Colorado :—

"While we cannot approve of the conduct of Comp. BYERS in this matter, yet we think the above action unnecessarily harsh. We doubt not if a proper opportunity had been presented to Comp. BYERS, an explanation could have been given that would have been satisfactory."

We have already expressed a similar opinion in another part of this report.

It affords us great pleasure to select from this really excellent report sundry opinions with which we are in full accord, and were it not for certain *heretical* views expressed therein, we should find nothing to dissent from.

Comp. SCHULTZ, in commenting upon the action of the Grand Chapter of Oregon in conferring upon the Grand High Priest unprecedented powers, expresses our views precisely. He says :—

"To our surprise the majority report was adopted, and thus the Grand High Priest of Oregon, by this action of the Grand Chapter, is clothed with a greater power than was ever possessed by any Grand Master."

"We differ with Grand High Priest CONGLE. We believe the Grand High Priest has all the powers in Capitular Masonry, and *without* any constitutional provision, that the Grand Master has in Symbolic Masonry; no more, no less. The Grand Master is as much the creature of the Grand Lodge, in this day at least, as the Grand High Priest is the creature of the Grand Chapter; neither can be created in a jurisdiction where there are no grand or subordinate bodies. By election and installation certain powers are from immemorial usage invested in them, and remain with them until their successors are elected and installed."

True. The "Grand High Priest *has* all the powers in Capitular Masonry, and *without* any constitutional provision, that the Grand Master has in Symbolic Masonry; no more, no less." That is to say, neither possesses any power not delegated to them by the Constitutions of the Grand Bodies whose creatures they are. But conceding this point, Comp. SCHULTZ, what becomes of that "Ancient Regulation," or "Landmark,"—as some would term it,—the prerogative of the Grand

Master to make Masons at sight? You contend that the "Landmarks" of Royal Arch Masonry are the same as those of Ancient Craft Masonry. If this be true, and the said "Ancient Landmarks" remain in force, then the Grand High Priest has power to make Royal Arch Masons at sight. There is that same old crow above ground again; like Banquo's ghost, he will not down. Try what you can do with him, Comp. SCHULTZ; we give him up for a bad job.

The twelve subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 1,176.

The *M. E.* FERDINAND J. S. GORGAS was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* GEORGE L. MCCAHAN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Baltimore on the eighth day of November, 1881.

#### MASSACHUSETTS.

The usual Quarterly Convocations of this venerable Grand Chapter were held at the regular stated periods, when the customary routine business was transacted. One of its transactions, however, at the first Quarterly Convocation held in the city of Boston on the eleventh day of March, 1879, is of general interest to the Craft.

In our last report, we noticed and commented approvingly upon a suggestion of the Grand High Priest, that more attention be paid to affiliation; and to this end, he submitted for the consideration of the Chapters the proposition that "the same ballot that elects a brother to receive the degrees shall entitle him to membership, he signing the by-laws and paying such fee as shall be required." The matter was referred to a committee with instructions to report at the next Quarterly Convocation. The report of the committee was as follows:—

"On the question involving the affiliation of initiates, your committee are of opinion that the ballot for the degrees should include the right of membership, with the simple condition that the initiate should sign the by-laws. Two considerations force us to this conclusion: First, the adoption of such a rule would be the most effectual way to prevent making non-affiliated Masons; second, this is substantially the law and usage in nearly all Grand Jurisdictions outside of Massachusetts."

The report was accepted, and at the succeeding Annual Convocation was confirmed; and thus a crying evil has been remedied.

The seventy-ninth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Boston on the ninth day of December, 1879,—the *M. E.* THOMAS WATERMAN, M.D., Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ZEPH. H. THOMAS being Grand Secretary. Fifty-six subordinate Chapters were represented.

We miss the address of the Grand High Priest, and regret its absence the more from the fact that the addresses of the Grand High Priests of Massachusetts have generally been models of scholarly eloquence and Masonic erudition, and replete with interest to the Craft. The reports of the District Deputies, however, indicate a fair degree of prosperity, harmony, and zeal on the part of the Chapters; a few only exhibiting a lack of interest in the general welfare.

The work of exemplification took precedence of all other business, and at its close, the Grand Lecturer and his assistants were thanked by the Grand High Priest for the "very able and satisfactory manner in which they had performed their duties."

Article XVIII of the Constitution was amended so as to read as follows:—

"No candidate whose application may be rejected in any Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be exalted in any Chapter other than that to which he first applied within six months after such rejection, nor without a recommendation from nine members of said Chapter, of whom the High Priest, King, and Scribe shall be three, and the consent of the Chapter; and it shall be the duty of every Chapter under this jurisdiction to communicate all rejections of candidates to this Grand Chapter."

The difference between this and our own law is that with us, a rejected candidate cannot present his application to any Chapter within six months after such rejection, without the unanimous consent of the Chapter in which he was rejected. After the expiration of six months he may apply, as at first, with the recommendation of two members of the Chapter. The form of petition was also amended, so that in case an applicant has been previously rejected, that fact must appear, with the name of the Chapter that rejected him.

The Committee on Finance reported a balance in the hands of the Grand Treasurer of \$1,197.49, and the total assets of the Grand Chapter to be \$7,686.96, an increase of \$318.16 from last year.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the genial pen of Comp. DADMUN, who carefully and critically reviews the transactions of thirty-nine Grand Chapters. He prefaces his report with the following peaceful declaration:—

"In starting out on our annual tour of inspection and review, we feel such an overflow of good will to all that we do not propose to be pugnacious or carping in our criticisms. We are brethren and companions, members of one great Masonic family, and therefore should write and talk like brethren."

But lo! when we come to peruse his report on California, our lamb has assumed a leonine aspect; he lasheth his sides with his caudal appendage; the thunder of his roar reverberates across the Rocky Mountains, and fills the peaceful valleys of California with its resonant echoes. And "Why are these things thus?" Simply because our Grand Chapter endorsed the preamble and resolutions adopted by the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in 1879, and which are as follows:

"WHEREAS, Several of the Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion suspended by his Lodge of Master Masons for non-payment of dues, is not suspended in his Chapter, but continues a member in good standing in the same, with all its rights and privileges; and,

"WHEREAS, This Grand Chapter desires to emphatically declare the foregoing to be a violation of Masonic law and usage, and gives countenance to suspended Masons; *Therefore be it Resolved*, That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the M. E. Grand Holy Royal Arch Chapter of Pennsylvania, be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

Our Grand High Priest, Comp. BROWNE, in his Address, said:—

"This resolution receives my unqualified approbation. As in our jurisdiction the obtaining of degrees and membership requires the petitioner to be a Master Mason in good standing, and as suspension in, or expulsion from the Lodge, not only ought to be, but actually is, immediate suspension in, or expulsion from the Chapter, the declaration exacted of visitors is eminently proper, and should have rigid enforcement. Its adoption by us is earnestly recommended."

Whereupon Comp. DADMUN in horror exclaims:—

"And, strange to say, this Grand Chapter *unanimously* adopted the preamble and resolution."

"*Hinc illæ lachrymæ.*" In order that our companions may fully understand the merits of this controversy, we quote Comp. DADMUN's remarks in full. He says:—

"In the first place the preamble, to use a mild term, is equivocal. It fails to make a distinction between suspension from *membership* and suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, a distinction that has always been made in some of the oldest jurisdictions in this country. Secondly, taking suspension in the sense in which it is used in the preamble, it is not true that 'several of the Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion suspended' from all the rights of Masonry, 'for non-payment of dues, is not suspended in his Chapter.'

"The second part of the preamble is also false. It assumes that Pennsylvania and California are acting according to old Masonic law and usage, and that other jurisdictions are 'countenancing suspended Masons.' Every Grand Chapter, so far as our knowledge extends, takes the *status* of a Master Mason as defined by the Grand Lodge of its own jurisdiction. For more than a century the usage of Massa-

chusetts contradicts the assumption, and not being a mere babe in the family of Grand Chapters, we do not like to be accused of departing from the old landmarks, established by the Grand Lodge before Chapters were born.

"Look a moment at the condition imposed in the resolution; 'Neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.' Is having one's 'name stricken from the roll,' a Masonic crime? Is such an one a suspended or expelled Mason? suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry? The best Masonic law and usage says, No.

"The adoption of the preamble and resolution is an infringement of jurisdictional rights. Ever since independent Grand Lodges were formed, each Grand Lodge has fixed the *status* of Masons within its own jurisdiction, and the *status* so fixed has been recognized throughout the Masonic world. Now Pennsylvania and California come forward and say, *if any Master Mason's 'name has been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in his Lodge or Chapter,'* he is not in good standing, and must be treated as an expelled Mason. Hitherto, membership in the Fraternity—acquired by initiation—has been governed by common Masonic law, and membership in subordinates by special laws of the jurisdiction in which they are located. Now an attempt is made to break up this order of things, and make 'striking from the roll' an evidence of Masonic crime.

"We admire the consistency of California in not adopting the 'Mississippi plan' without consulting the General Grand Chapter; but we do think it strange that *she* should adopt the Pennsylvania imbroglia without first submitting so grave a subject to the Parent Body."

He then proceeds to quote at length from the opinion of Comp. DRUMMOND on the same subject, but, as the ideas of Comp. DRUMMOND are identical with his own, we do not propose to occupy our space by reproducing them.

Comp. DADMUN closes his argument as follows:—

"We object to the last clause of the resolution, because it is an interference with jurisdictional rights, particularly the right of each Grand Body to fix the *status* of its own members. Of course the object of the resolution is to impose a new condition on visitors from other jurisdictions, a condition, too, that relates wholly to membership in subordinate bodies, and not to membership in the Fraternity."

The subject of suspension for non-payment of dues seems to be a sore one with some of our companions, and particularly so with Comps. DADMUN and DRUMMOND. The very mention of it seems to operate upon them like a fly-blister, and places them in a state of spasmodic irritation. But let us examine Comp. DADMUN's strictures *seriatim*; and, analyzing them without prejudice, calmly and dispassionately endeavor to show their fallacy. In the first place he says: "To use a mild term, the preamble is *equivocal*," which darkly and dimly leads to the inference that a stronger expression was in his mind.

After a careful examination, we fail to discover any equivocation. The first paragraph simply states in good plain Saxon, the well known and undeniable fact that "several Grand Chapters of the United States have declared that a companion who is suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues continues in good standing in his Chapter."

Comp. DADMUN further says,—and here the "Old Adam" is stirred within him:—"The second part of the preamble is also *false*." Strong terms, companion, for "*brethren and companions, members of one great Masonic family*," to use in discussing each other's acts, and which would justify us in responding with some degree of warmth; but verily, we will so chasten and subdue the "Old Adam" in our own nature that he shall not prevail against us. Now, what is it that Comp. DADMUN so emphatically denounces as "*false*"? Simply, the declaration of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, endorsed by the Grand Chapter of California, that the doctrine that a Mason who has been suspended by his Lodge may continue his relations with the Chapter in good standing, "is a violation of Masonic law and gives countenance to suspended Masons." Wherein lies the falsity of this declaration? But says Comp. DADMUN: "It fails to make a distinction between suspension from *membership* and suspension from all the rights and privileges of Masonry." In California, we acknowledge no such distinction. When a Mason is *suspended* with us, he

is hung up by his Masonic neck and not by his heels. Our hair is white with the snows of many winters, but never, until very lately, have we heard of this term, "*suspension from membership*." When we dwelt on the other side of the Sierras, Masons were "stricken from roll" for non-payment of dues, but it is only lately that this process has been dignified by the term suspension. The only difference in the character of suspension that we ever heard of, was, definite suspension and indefinite, but either carried with it a total abrogation of Masonic rights and privileges until removed. The simply striking a Mason's name from the roll for non-payment of dues, deprives the wilful delinquent of no rights or privileges that he cares a button for. He cannot vote or hold office, it is true, and he is deprived of the privilege of paying dues, which last deprivation, of course, he *sorely laments*. He may visit the Lodges, and claim assistance when in distress, and our experience has taught us that this class of Masons are most prompt in availing themselves of the latter privilege; and when death overtakes him, he may claim Masonic burial. He is a Masonic vagrant, a leech upon the body of Masonry, drawing upon its vitality yet contributing nothing to its sustenance.

In California we recognize the *Bee Hive* as a Masonic emblem, to the teachings of which heed should be given. The denizens of the hive will not tolerate drones in their midst, but dragging them forth, incontinently slay them. "If ye will not work neither shall ye eat," is their motto, and it is a wise one. We strive to emulate the "little busy bee," although we are not quite so radical in the treatment of our drones; we do not absolutely slay them, but we reduce them to a state of suspended animation, so that they are innocuous for evil. We have, however, a sovereign balm which, when applied by the patient, or his friends, will at once restore the most desperate cases. This remedy is called *compliance with the law*, and never fails of its effect.

Again, Comp. DADMUN asks: "Is having one's name stricken from the roll a Masonic crime?" We answer, no; neither is suspension or expulsion a Masonic crime; but they are the penalties which the law attaches to crime, and to which the guilty must submit. The very act of striking a member's name from the roll, implies the commission of an offense. Striking from the roll is a punishment, because it deprives the member of a portion of his Masonic rights and privileges, and if no offense has been committed why should punishment be inflicted? Poverty is no crime, and *inability* to pay dues is not a Masonic offense; it is the wilful neglect or refusal on the part of the delinquent to comply with his Masonic obligation that constitutes the crime. He has bound himself to maintain and support the By-Laws of his Lodge and the general regulations of Masonry; he affixes his name to those By-Laws as an evidence of his full and free agreement to all their provisions. One of those provisions is, that he shall pay a stipulated sum per month or per annum, as a contribution to the general good. If then he, having the ability to comply, neglects or refuses to perform his plain duty, he violates his obligation, is false to his agreements, and thereby commits a Masonic crime.

Comp. DADMUN further says: "We object to the last clause of the resolution, because it is an interference with jurisdictional rights, particularly the right of each Grand Body to fix the *status* of its own member."

We take issue with our esteemed companion upon that point. We desire to interfere with no jurisdictional rights, and we concede to every Grand Body the power to fix the *status* of its own members in its own jurisdiction, but we deny the right of Massachusetts or Maine to make laws for the government of Masons in California; and, when Masons from other jurisdictions visit us, we expect them to comply with the laws by which we are governed. We cannot set up two standards of Masonic perfection, one for Massachusetts and another for California; when here, all must be governed by the same general law. In short, we are believers in the truth of that homely but expressive aphorism, "What is sauce for the goose is sauce for the gander."

With reference to the doctrine of which Comps. DADMUN and DRUMMOND are so tenacious, viz.: that Grand Bodies have the right to fix the *status* of their own members, and the *status* so fixed must be recognized throughout the world, we will cite an instance in point. Some two years since, the Grand Lodge of Canada suspended several brethren from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, not for non-payment of dues, but for unmasonic conduct; these brethren, or some of them, were Royal Arch Masons, and in one of the Chapters exception was taken by some of the members to these suspended Masons being present and taking part in the ceremonies. The Grand High Priest, being appealed to, decided that "Suspension by a Craft Lodge, whether Grand or Subordinate, had no force in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons," which decision was approved by his Grand Chapter. This decision has been denounced by every reporter in the United States who has given the subject any attention; even Comp. DADMUN mildly suggests that a Chapter cannot do otherwise than confirm the decision of a "Craft Lodge," while Comps. DRUMMOND and DERBY are loud in their condemnation of such a theory. Yet, according to the doctrine advocated by them, the *status* of these companions is fixed by their own Grand Chapter, and, although suspended from all the rights and privileges of Masonry, we must receive and welcome them in our Chapters as Royal Arch Masons in good standing. "Consistency, thou art a jewel." The more we reflect upon this matter, the more firmly are we convinced that our position is the right one; and we will continue to maintain it, even though the four D's, DADMUN, DRUMMOND, DERBY and the — other D. continue to oppose it.

Comp. DADMUN is one for whom we have a high respect as a man, a clergyman, and a Mason, and we would not have him think that our difference of opinion upon the foregoing subject has detracted one iota from our estimation of him in either character; we simply say to him, as was once said upon an occasion we wot of: "I admire your pluck, but your judgment is a little warped."

We have perused with great pleasure the excellent report of Comp. DADMUN, and would gladly make copious extracts from it; but we have occupied so much space in discussing the *status* question, and his *status* as a reporter being fixed by the Craft outside, as well as within his own jurisdiction, we must pass on to the next visitor.

There are sixty-eight subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 9,157.

During the year 327 were exalted, 214 dimitted, 100 died, 125 were suspended, 4 expelled, and 45 were "discharged."

Please give us more light, Comp. DADMUN, upon the subject of *discharging* members; the term is new to us. Also, whether the 125 suspensions were for non-payment of dues or otherwise.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

#### MICHIGAN.

This Grand Chapter held its thirty-first Annual Convocation in the city of Jackson on the twentieth day of January, 1880,—the M. E. DAVID C. SPAULDING, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM P. INNES being Secretary. Ninety-eight subordinate Chapters were represented; the Grand Officers were all present, and nineteen Past Grand High Priests shed the light of their wisdom upon the assembly.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates his companions upon the fact that the financial condition of the Grand Chapter is steadily improving, and that instead of a bankrupt treasury, which a few years ago was a source of annoyance, they are now out of debt and have a surplus on hand. He reports that during the year three of the subordinate Chapters had surrendered their charters; and while deploring the reasons which compelled their extinction, he very justly says: "We are much better without Chapters that lack vitality not only to exist, but to prosper, and which are a drain upon our Grand Chapter, tending to re-

tard, instead of aiding, the great and glorious work of the Royal Craft." He admonishes the companions that Chapters cannot be sustained and obtain a healthy growth in every village, and cautions them to see to it, when companions desire to establish new Chapters, "that they prove their ability to sustain themselves, and become living monuments, instead of weak, dependent, unfinished ashlar.

Numerous decisions were made by him, but few of them have more than a local interest.

One case, however, strikes us as unique: A brother petitioned the Chapter in due form, the committee reported favorably, the ballot was had, and one blackball appeared. The High Priest ordered another ballot, with the same result, and the candidate was declared rejected. A companion then arose and stated that he had cast the blackball each time, for the purpose of *eliciting discussion*. The High Priest decided that no reconsideration could be had, but the candidate must wait the constitutional time and petition again. The decision was sustained by the Grand High Priest, who declined to issue a special dispensation in the case unless important reasons were given; but very justly remarked, that "a companion thus trifling with the ballot subjects himself to Masonic discipline, and should be dealt with by his Chapter."

He decided that it was improper to confer the degrees upon a clergyman without payment of the regular fees. That it was not necessary to give reasons when applying for a dimit. That it is not lawful for the High Priest, or any other companion, brother, or friend, to sign the name of a petitioner to a petition, whether the party *can* or *cannot* read or write. That it was not lawful to confer the degrees on a person who can neither read nor write. That if a companion voluntarily remains unaffiliated with a Blue Lodge for the space of twelve months, he shall be suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry. That unless authorized by the Chapter or Council, a companion has no right to assist another and present his bill for the same to the Chapter. That no one can be admitted to the Chapter as a member or visitor, except by the unanimous consent of the members present; and that a petition in the hands of a committee is the property of the Chapter, and cannot be amended, recalled, or changed, except by consent of the Chapter.

Some of these decisions would not pass muster in some of our sister jurisdictions, but, in our opinion, they are correct.

The Committee on Finance report a balance in the treasury, after the payment of all appropriations, of \$1,607.26.

The Committee on Jurisprudence report that a companion who, for mercenary motives, either casts a black ball or influences others to do so, is guilty of a Masonic offense, and should be disciplined therefor.

The sum of \$1,000 was appropriated for the proper entertainment of the General Grand Chapter.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were unanimously voted to the retiring Grand High Priest, Comp. SPAULDING, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to procure and present to the distinguished companion a Past Grand High Priest's jewel on behalf of the Grand Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence, by the Grand Secretary, Comp. WILLIAM P. INNES, is a complete *resumé* of the transactions of forty Grand Chapters, Missouri and Tennessee alone being absent. The report covers three hundred pages, and any one who desires to inform himself upon the subject of Capitular Masonry can do no better than to obtain and read it.

As a general thing Comp. INNES allows the acts of the several Grand Chapters to speak for themselves, presenting them to his readers with but few comments. Occasionally, however, he frees himself from this restraint, and when he *does* give us the *Innes* and outs of a matter, he speaks to the point. In his review of California, for 1879, he quotes liberally from the Address of Comp. BROWNE and from our report of



that year, of which he is pleased to speak in complimentary terms, and we herewith tender our thanks for his courteous notice.

To Texas he devotes twenty-five pages, giving all the correspondence, and the majority and minority reports of the committee to whom was referred the matter of a resumption of allegiance to the General Grand Chapter.

On this subject he says :—

"Much time was occupied by the Grand Chapter in the discussion of the above reports: 'Shall we or shall we not acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Chapter?'

"Your committee have read the entire papers referring to this subject, and, although the minority report was not treated in a dignified or even courteous manner, we are fully of the opinion that the reasons set forth by the committee were in no way refuted by the majority report.

"It appears to us that this minority report of the committee discussed the question in every way free from any and all prejudices.

"Your committee are fully persuaded, after the rejection of the kindly invitation given to our sister Texas by the General Grand Chapter, to return to the fold, that nothing more ought to be said on the subject.

"Texas should be permitted to enjoy her sweet solitude alone, until the time shall arrive when she will see that it is best to 'put away old things and put on new.' Go, wayward sister, and bide your time!"

We quote his closing remarks, in which some interesting statistics are given :—

"Companions, our review is at last completed; and with feelings of extreme reluctance we part from the 'reportorial corps,' not knowing whether we shall ever meet again on the Shores of Time.

"While the various Grand Chapters have been reasonably prosperous, still the result is hardly what was anticipated by them; but to us it is very flattering; while the accessions have not been as numerous as might be wished, still the material that has been placed in the Royal Temple is such as to fully meet the requirements of the Master Builder.

"Ten Grand Chapters report a gain of 1,450 in membership; and seventeen a loss of 3,685,—making the total net loss, in Grand Chapters giving statistics, 2,232 members.

"Three thousand one hundred and seventy-three members were suspended for non-payment of dues, and 1,870 dimitted, making the total of suspended and dimitted members 5,043.

"The loss by suspension and dimission being 5,043, and the loss in total membership but 2,232, the Grand Chapters have really gained, in point of newly-initiated members, 2,811 companions.

"During the past few months the financial condition of the country has become brighter; and the companions of the Royal Craft should see that new accessions are made to the ranks, and weak and tottering Chapters placed on a firmer basis.

"Death, that great leveler, has not left our ranks unbroken, but has called from our midst one of its brightest lights. Poor Corson is no more of this earth! Since our advent into the 'corps reportorial' we had learned to look upon him as a leader—one whose opinion must be law; and while we at times mixed a little 'spice' in our review of New Jersey, it was only done to see how Corson would take it.

"One by one they drop away, leaving vacancies which bring sad thoughts to our memory, as we gather our sisters around us at the annual feast.

"We regret that our sister, Texas, has refused to acknowledge allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, and hope that ere the time arrives for the meeting of that august body, she will see the 'folly of her ways,' and return to the fold. Truly would there be rejoicing.

"We crave indulgence from the 'Knights of the Scissors and Pens,' for our various shortcomings, assuring them that our errors are of the head, not of the heart.

"Companions, we must say farewell! One short year from now, may we gather around the table at our annual feast, and our ranks be unbroken by the visitations of death."

There are ninety-eight chartered subordinates in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 6,873.

During the year 335 were exalted, 46 affiliated, 198 dimitted, 192 were suspended for non-payment of dues, 8 were expelled, 25 were reinstated, and 82 died.

The *M. E.* SAMUEL H. NORTON was re-elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM P. INNES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

## MISSISSIPPI.

The thirty second Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Jackson on the second day of February, 1880,—the *M. E. R. B. BRANNIN*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. J. L. POWER* being Grand Secretary. Thirty-seven subordinate Chapters were represented at the opening.

The Address of the Grand High Priest opens with the following words of good cheer :—

"The abundant productions of the earth, during the past year, has made glad the hearts of the people, and prosperity in every form has once more dawned upon the land. The revival of trade has set in motion the busy wheels of machinery, and their music has given a new impulse to all the pursuits of life. The very earth has been made to drop fatness, and the sturdy yeoman has reaped the full reward of his labors. Peace reigns throughout our borders, and prosperity is the portion of our inheritance."

He pays the following generous tribute to the memory of the lamented CORSON :—

"The 10th of May last, will ever be remembered in the annals of Masonry, since it records the death of *M. E. Comp. THOMAS J. CORSON*, Past Grand H. P., and Grand Secretary of the Grand Chapter of New Jersey. His name had become a household word in the Masonic world. As Chairman of the Committee on Foreign Correspondence, he held the pen of an able and ready writer, and wielded an influence equaled by few, and excelled by none, and in his death, we feel that the Masonic world has sustained a serious loss, and we tender to the Grand Chapter of New Jersey, our heartfelt sympathies, in this their sad bereavement."

Several special dispensations were granted for various purposes, and applications for sundry others were declined; the reasons assigned for the applications not being sufficiently cogent.

He recommended that the Representative system be referred to a special committee, to report the *status* and duties of Grand Representatives. It was so referred; and the committee, evidently at a loss to find some fitting place and occupation for these ornamental appendages, reported that, in their opinion, "each Representative of a Foreign Grand Jurisdiction should be requested to submit an annual report of all matters of interest occurring in the Grand Jurisdiction which has honored him as their Representative." This will at least give the Representatives a semblance of something to do, but we fear the reports from this source will not occupy much of the time of the Grand Chapter.

The following remarks of the Grand High Priest upon the "condition of Capitular Masonry," are well worthy of perusal :—

"The condition of all branches of Masonry in this State must be painful to every zealous member of the Order. The financial embarrassments of the past few years have left their impress on our Chapters, but the outlook is beginning to brighten, and we trust that the return of prosperity and thrift, which characterize the various pursuits of life, will not be without their good effects upon the institution.

"But, my companions, does not the real cause of the present apathy lie nearer home than in mere financial embarrassment? Have we not failed to exercise due caution in the introduction of material: and in our haste to make Masons, neglected to scrutinize as we should the moral character of those whom we have received? Have we not been derelict in the duty of guarding well the door of the Sanctuary, and thus made ourselves responsible for the reputations of those whose evil practices have brought reproach upon the Institution? The great principles which underlie the Institution of Freemasonry are designed to elevate in the scale of humanity all those who profess to be governed by them. There are lessons of moral instruction to be drawn from each of these, and the good and true Mason will not deviate from the minutest principle thereof. The principles of the order are all that anyone could demand, and a rigid adherence thereto cannot be otherwise than productive of good results. But have we at all times been governed by these principles? Have we made them the man of our choice? If the Plumb, Square, and Level were applied to our work to-day by the Grand Overseer, could we stand the test? Would he pronounce it good work and true, and such material as shall be used in building the Temple?

"Freemasonry is no asylum for the profane. It is not an institution of reform. It covets no such distinction as this. The standard by which it measures a man is

perfection. The man who would be made a Mason must first be prepared in heart, and his reception into the Order is not for the purpose of making him a good man, but because he is already a good man and true. One of the very first lessons which Freemasonry teaches a man, on his admission into the Order, is that of Temperance, and the practice of this virtue is illustrated in a most forcible and solemn manner, and a departure from the practice thereof is a violation of a most sacred pledge. But notwithstanding these lessons, which were so forcibly inculcated at first, and which are so often repeated, it is an indisputable fact that profanity and intemperance are crying evils in our midst, and in some instances, those who hold the emblem of power and wear the robes of office, are not free from these vices.

"Companions, 'these things ought not so to be.' Let our voices be heard to-day in condemnation of the practice of these vices. Let our influence be felt throughout this Grand Jurisdiction, as a corrective. If there be no remedy in moral suasion, then apply the law; compel the performance of obligations, and cleanse the Sanctuary, and let us, by our example, make Freemasonry what it should be, a power in the land for good."

We notice that many of the Grand High Priests, in their Addresses, deplore the prevalence of, and denounce in the strongest terms, the detestable vice of profanity. We do not know that the practice of this vice is becoming more prevalent than usual among Masons, but we are pleased to see that the attention of those in high places is being called to it; for every good Mason should place upon the practice of profane swearing the seal of his condemnation. The vice of profanity is idiotic, low-bred, and vulgar in the extreme, and altogether subversive of that veneration for the "Great I Am" which is the fundamental principle of the Masonic creed. It indicates loose habits, and coarse feelings, low associations, and indifference to the decencies of life. It is as grave a breach of good manners to hurl profanities and blasphemies into one's ears as to hold an offensive odor under his nose. The vice is unpatriotic and demoralizing. In all civilized countries the life, estate, and good name of the citizen are protected by the sanctity of an oath. Every precaution ought therefore to be taken against benumbing the sense of the oath's sacredness in the popular conscience. For many obvious reasons the education of conscience is everywhere of paramount value, but in this land it is vital to the safety of every man and every home. Any practice which renders the oath a flippant and common thing must be deprecated and rebuked as subversive of the common weal. The profane swearer is a corrupter of the public conscience, and an enemy of civil virtue and personal security. That eminent jurist, Chief Justice MARSHALL, once said: "The man who blasphemes the Almighty and speaks scurrilously of the Holy Scriptures, is an enemy of the peace and liberties of his country." Every right-thinking man will acknowledge the force and truth of these words. Then let the thunders of denunciation go forth from the Grand East of every Masonic body, and if admonition and reproof prove unavailing to check the evil, let the penalties of the law be put in force, and the vice be stamped out so far as Masons are concerned, by the unrelenting foot of Masonic justice.

A considerable portion of the address is devoted to the discussion of the consolidation scheme, but as that matter has been finally disposed of by the General Grand Chapter, we do not propose to pursue the subject further at this time.

The Grand Secretary, in his Report, presents a somewhat discouraging view of the condition of the order in Mississippi. It appears from his tabular statement, that in 1869 there were seventy-six Chapters making returns, and having an aggregate membership of 2,565, yielding an annual revenue to the Grand Chapter of \$3,257.70. From this period there was a gradual falling off until 1878, when only forty-nine Chapters made returns, and the membership was reduced to 1,378, and the revenue to \$1,488.84; being a decrease in membership of 1,187, and in revenue of \$1,768.86.

He reports the falling off in membership and in receipts for the past two years to be equally noticeable, and acknowledges himself at a loss to suggest a remedy; but he suggests that the time of the Grand Chapter cannot be more profitably employed than in devising ways and means to revive the dormant Chapters, and to sustain those now in existence. He presented a list of twenty-three Chapters whose charters

were forfeited under the law, leaving only forty-eight charters in force, and of these he says: "A large percentage are Chapters that seldom meet, and have made no returns to, nor will be represented at this Convocation. The total working Chapters in the jurisdiction does not exceed thirty-six."

At the last Annual Convocation, the Grand High Priest suggested that the system of mileage and *per diem* be abolished, and that the subordinate Chapters be required to pay the actual necessary expenses of delegates, together with a small *per capita* assessment, just sufficient to meet the expenses of the Grand Chapter. The Finance Committee placed the suggestion in the form of a constitutional amendment, to be submitted to the subordinate Chapters, but made no recommendation in connection with it. The amendment was published with the proceedings, but the Grand Secretary neglected to publish it in the form of a circular, and to distribute to the Chapters, as he should have done. He acknowledged the oversight, and asked that action on the amendment might be deferred until the next Annual Convocation, unless it should appear that the Chapters had generally considered it.

The committee on subordinate Chapters, to whom the matter was referred, reported adversely, and recommended that the Grand Chapter continue the system of mileage and *per diem*, and decline to submit the amendment to the Chapters. The Grand Secretary, however, came to the rescue, and on his motion the report was rejected, and the question was referred to the Chapters.

The amendment if adopted will, in our opinion, have a good effect upon the prosperity of the Chapters. The removal of the heavy tax necessary to pay the mileage and *per diem* of delegates, will be a great pecuniary relief, and give them time to recuperate their exhausted finances. Chapters are like cultivated fields; they thrive better by lying fallow for a season.

In the report of the Committee on Finance, we find the following, which we believe to be a *non sequitur* :—

"Your committee, although the matter is outside of our legitimate sphere, in the consideration of this report, have carefully considered the question of the cause of the alarming decrease in the numerical and financial strength of Royal Arch Masonry in this jurisdiction, and while we confess our inability to prescribe a remedy, yet the cause is apparent in the mania for co-operative assurance which is now epidemic, not only in Mississippi, but elsewhere, to the manifest injury of our Order in its several branches. The secret societies that embrace in their system the feature of life insurance have placed their fees for degrees at a figure within the reach of all, giving their membership similar social advantages to those offered by ours, and in addition to this, the insurance clause. One of two things we conceive to be essential to arrest the decline of Capitular and Symbolic Masonry in this State, and they are to reduce the fees at least fifty per cent., or incorporate into our Order, or attach to it, an insurance feature. Perhaps the remedy would be more effective were we to do both."

Better far close the doors of your Lodges and Chapters than to turn them into insurance companies and mutual benefit societies. We hope never to see such an excrescence engrafted upon the body of Masonry. He who joins the Order with the hope of pecuniary gain thereby, is no Mason at heart, and we have no use for such. Masonry has a higher and a nobler aim. Let us then never degrade it to the level of the beneficiary societies of the present day, whose "name is legion."

A resolution was adopted reducing the minimum fee for the Chapter degrees from thirty to twenty dollars; also, interdicting all Masonic intercourse with the Grand Orient of France, until such time as that body shall return to its allegiance to the ancient landmarks and principles of the Order.

The Report on Correspondence was prepared and presented by Comp. P. M. SAvERY, who has the faculty of crowding a great deal of matter into a small space. The report covers only forty pages, yet he manages to note all the important doings of thirty-nine Grand Chapters, including the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. California, for 1879, receives a fair share of his attention. He notices that some of our Chapters hold semi-monthly Convocations, which, he says, "shows that there

is much more zeal among Royal Arch Masons in California than is perceivable in Mississippi. We are truly glad that our companions of the Pacific Coast are so much interested in the Chapter work. We will style them the salt of the Craft. Perhaps they, by example and zeal, may save others even outside their own jurisdiction." We should indeed rejoice if any zeal or example of ours could be made instrumental in lifting our Mississippi companions out of the "slough of despond" into which they appear to have fallen. We can only bid them be of good cheer, and look hopefully forward to the "good time coming."

In his conclusion, Comp. SAVERY says:—

"There are many grand truths, many excellent precepts and fraternal suggestions recorded in the pages it has been our privilege to peruse, which from want of space we have not been enabled to insert in this report. We have read them, and have used neither scissors nor paste in the compiling of this communication. The proceedings of our sister Grand Chapters are filed away for future reference. When hours of sorrow and distress come; when the heart is weary; when we seek refreshment from the cares and troubles of life, by reference to this beautiful casket of two-score jewels we can always find kind words, sympathetic expressions and tributes of fraternal love, that will serve as certain antidotes, which will renew the drooping spirit and inspire the soul to greater deeds. We are glad to be enabled to say that the Craft all over the world are in harmony and peace, *save in France*. In that jurisdiction they have destroyed or hidden the Mason's "*Great Light*," and are groping their way in darkness, soon to be following the example of the foolish virgins who sought in vain to procure oil from their wise sisters when the summons came to go forth and meet the bridegroom. The action of the brethren of France is a dark blot in Masonic history."

There are fifty-seven chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 1,500.

The M. E. FREDERICK SPEED was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. J. L. POWER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### MISSOURI.

The Grand Chapter of Missouri held its thirty-third Annual Convocation in the city of St. Louis on the sixth day of May, 1890,—the M. E. NOAH M. GIVAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. WILLIAM H. MAYO being Grand Secretary. Sixty subordinate Chapters were represented.

The "Grim Messenger" has not left our companions of Missouri unscathed, three of their Past Grand officers having died during the year. To the memory of these lamented companions, an appropriate tribute is paid by the Grand High Priest in his address.

The following decisions were announced:—

"A Mason's residence has nothing to do with his Masonic rights and privileges, or the location of his Masonic home," and "a citizen of Colorado, who is a non-affiliated Royal Arch Mason, but who is an affiliated Master Mason, may petition a Chapter in Missouri for affiliation and membership, and it is competent for the Chapter to receive and act upon such petition as though the petitioner was a resident of this State."

"After a companion has been notified to appear and show cause why he should not be suspended for non-payment of dues, he cannot vote in the Chapter on the trial of other companions until after his case is disposed of favorably to himself."

This looks to us like punishing a man for an offense of which he has not yet been convicted.

He also decided that "the suspension of a Royal Arch Mason by his Lodge *ipso facto* suspends him in the Chapter.

A somewhat curious case is reported: A petition for the degrees was presented and referred to a committee, one of whom was the Secretary. At the next meeting the Secretary was absent with the records, and one other member of the committee was also absent. The chairman of the committee was present and presented a favorable report, signed by himself and two others who were not appointed on the committee, but were under the impression that they were. The candidate was balloted for and rejected. At a subsequent meeting it was discovered that the proper committee had never reported.

The Grand High Priest decided that although the proceeding was irregular, the candidate was rejected and must await the required time before he could again petition.

Under our system such a blunder could never happen. Each member of a committee receives a notice of his appointment, giving the name, age, occupation, and residence of the applicant, together with the names of his colleagues upon the committee. Upon these notices he makes his report over his signature, and these reports are duly filed by the Secretary.

A speck of *unpleasantness* appears to dim the brightness of the relations hitherto existing between this Grand Chapter and our juvenile sister of Colorado, which we sincerely hope will be allowed to spread no farther. The Grand High Priest says:—

"My attention has been called to the fact that Comp. WILLIAM N. BYERS, Representative of this Grand Chapter, near the Grand Chapter of Colorado, and author of the Report on Foreign Correspondence made to the Grand Chapter of Colorado in 1878, after very briefly reviewing our proceedings in 1876 and 1877, devoted about as much space, in the same connection, to a spurious organization which he calls the 'First Independent African Grand Royal Arch Chapter,' and which he recognizes as another Grand Chapter belonging to Missouri. As stated by the Committee on Foreign Correspondence for the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, this 'is an insult to every regular Grand Chapter in this country.' It is especially an insult to this Grand Chapter which should not go unrebuked. The organization of which our Colorado Representative speaks, is not recognized by this or any other Grand Chapter as a legitimate body. Its existence was unknown to us until the Colorado Committee published it to the world. It does not claim even to be a Missouri institution, but has subordinates in Kentucky, Texas, Kansas, and may ere this have some in Colorado.

"Our Colorado Representative must have been grossly ignorant, or else his review of that clandestine body in connection with this Grand Chapter was intended as an insult to the Grand Chapter of Missouri. In either event he is unworthy to longer represent us, and I recommend that his commission as our Representative near the Grand Chapter of Colorado be revoked."

The Committee to whom this portion of the address was referred reported as follows:—

"Your Committee recommend that this Grand Chapter approve of the suggestion made by the Grand High Priest as to revoking the Commission of Comp. W. N. BYERS, as Representative of this Grand Chapter near the Grand Chapter of Colorado, and the appointment of some companion whose Masonry is of a different complexion and odor in his place."

This report was adopted.

We regret that any question should arise to threaten a disturbance of the general harmony now existing among the Craft; and we hope the exercise of a wise and fraternal forbearance will prevent it in this instance. We cannot believe that Comp. BYERS intended to insult the Grand Chapter of Missouri; but in reviewing the transactions of the clandestine Body referred to, especially in connection with his review of Missouri, he committed a gross blunder, for which an ample apology is due to the offended Grand Chapter. A companion who is honored by being appointed the Representative of a sister Grand Chapter should be tenacious of the honor and dignity of the Body he represents, and the review of the proceedings of the so-called "First Independent African Grand Royal Arch Chapter," in connection with the Grand Chapter of Missouri, would seem—although probably not so intended—to place this spurious organization upon an equality with that Grand Chapter, and is a just ground of complaint. Yet we cannot but feel that the Grand Chapter of Missouri has acted somewhat hastily in this matter. If Comp. BYERS, after an explanation, refused to apologize for the act, the revocation of his commission would have been an inevitable consequence; but, so long as it was possible that the offense had been inadvertently committed, we think a milder course might have been with propriety pursued. At all events, we think the committee might have avoided the contemptuous expression which the italicized words of their report imply. It scarcely comports with the spirit of our institution to repel insult with contumely.

The Committee on Grievances had two cases presented for their consideration, in one of which the action of the subordinate Chapter was sustained, and in the other it was set aside. The latter case is rather a novel one: A subordinate Chapter sent two delegates to the Grand Chapter, one of whom attended faithfully to his duties. The other, after answering to roll call, thought he could extract more amusement from a neighboring Fair than from the Grand Chapter, and the "subsequent proceedings interested him no more." Sixteen dollars was the amount allowed on the pay roll to the delegates. This sum the faithful attendant collected and placed in his little purse, claiming that as he had done all the work, he was entitled to all the pay. The other couldn't see it in that light, and harsh words passed between them. The one who received the money offered to leave it to the Chapter and abide by the decision, which offer was refused. He then refused to pay unless the offensive language was withdrawn. This was also refused, and charges were preferred. The holder of the sixteen dollars was tried, convicted, and suspended for five years. This, the Committee justly say, is a "very severe sentence, and from all the facts as presented in the evidence, was not deserved"; and they think there must be something outside the record to warrant such a judgment, which, they say, is "equivalent to expulsion." The case was remanded with the following very sensible recommendation:—

"Let these companions be encouraged to act as Masons should, and settle their differences with that charity about which we talk so much. Let all offensive words be withdrawn and proper amends be made financially and otherwise, and if this advice is followed by the companions, the whole matter will end in a love feast instead of expulsion or severe judgments not warranted by the evidence."

The consolidation scheme met with no encouragement from this Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest reports that the Chapters are generally in a prosperous condition, and that peace and harmony prevail throughout the jurisdiction. He had received no petition for a dispensation for a new Chapter, although more than eighteen months had passed since the last Convocation, and this he regards as no discouraging indication, for, as he very truly says, "It were better that we have a few healthy, live, active Chapters than many sickly ones."

The sum of two hundred dollars was contributed from the funds of the Grand Chapter for the benefit of Masonic sufferers by a cyclone in southwest Missouri, which, from the accounts, must have been very disastrous in its effects.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$3,350 83.

The Grand Secretary reports that, at the close of the last Annual Convocation, thirty-seven Chapters were in arrears from one dollar to two hundred and fifty dollars each, and quite a number of them had made no returns and paid no dues for several years. The delinquent Chapters had been notified and urged to a settlement; and the result has been that \$1,389 had been collected from back dues, and only fifteen Chapters are now in arrears, owing an aggregate amount of about five hundred dollars. This is encouraging, and indicative of renewed zeal on the part of the subordinate Chapters, which, we trust, will not be suffered to flag.

The Report on Correspondence (eighty-two pages) was prepared by the Grand Secretary, Comp. WILLIAM H. MAYO, and, as he says, is his initial effort in that direction. The proceedings of forty-one Grand Chapters—being all in the United States and the Canadas—are intelligently reviewed; and although he is somewhat chary in his comments, his ideas, when expressed, generally *accord with our own*, and we therefore unhesitatingly pronounce them *correct*. He quotes all the decisions of Comp. BROWNE, and as he does not dissent, we take it for granted that they meet his concurrence. Of the Pennsylvania resolutions, he says they were very properly adopted. Of our report he says:—

"The Report on Correspondence—covering fifty-six pages, reviewing the proceedings of thirty Grand Chapters, in a good, straightforward, fraternal manner—is by Comp. THOMAS H. CASWELL, the Grand Secretary, with whom, when we get a

little acquainted, we will quarrel, for inserting his Report on Correspondence in the body of his proceedings, instead of placing it in an appendix."

It takes two to get up a successful quarrel, Comp. MAYO, and we will not quarrel with you; for with the memory of GOULEY in our heart, we could never quarrel with one upon whom his mantle has fallen. With reference to the position which a Report on Correspondence should occupy in the proceedings, our idea is that, as the report of a Standing Committee—and a very important one—it should take its place in the regular order among the reports of committees, and not as a matter of secondary interest be stowed away in an appendix.

Under the head of Colorado, he says:—

"Reporters too often misrepresent the bodies to which they belong. We doubt very much if the Grand Chapter of Colorado would, or does sanction such action on the part of one of its Standing Committees. This is an instance where Grand Bodies should know what is to be printed with their proceedings before they stamp it with their approbation and send it forth to the world as 'good work.' We have called the attention of our Grand High Priest to the matter, and are satisfied that when the Grand Chapter of Missouri meets on May 6th, that the gross indignity will be properly rebuked. It affords us pleasure to note that our *confreres* in Georgia, Illinois, Maine, Minnesota, Pennsylvania, and Vermont have already resented the insult, and others, doubtless, have done so if they have noticed it; but we have not had time to examine the different proceedings.

"He is joined to his idols, let him alone."

"To err is human, to forgive divine." Let us hope that mutual explanations may heal this breach of harmony, and cement with renewed strength the fraternal relations hitherto existing between Comp. BYERS and the Grand Chapter of Missouri.

In his conclusion, Comp. MAYO says:—

"We do not send it out as perfect and square work altogether, but we will say, that under all existing circumstances as our first appearance among the reporters of the Royal Craft, it is about as good and square work as we could do. 'Open confession is good for the soul,' it is said, so we own up, and ask our *confreres* as they pass along, knocking off the rough corners, to point out to us the crooked places, and we will endeavor to make them straight."

The only improvement we can suggest, is to put a little more Mayo into the next one and we shall be satisfied.

This jurisdiction has ninety subordinate Chapters, only seventy-nine of which however made returns. The estimated membership is 4,000,—3,750 being the number returned.

Two hundred and forty-five were exalted, two hundred and twenty-three dimitted, two hundred and sixty-five were suspended for non-payment of dues, and seventy-four died.

The *M. E.* JAMES E. CADLE was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WM. H. MAYO was re-elected Grand Secretary, and is Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of St. Louis on the 5th day of May, 1881.

#### NEBRASKA.

"Better late than never." Nebraska's tasteful pamphlet comes to greet us after our report has gone to press, but we cheerfully make room for her and accord her a hearty welcome among our annual guests.

The Fourteenth Annual Convocation was held in Fremont on the twenty-first day of December, A. D. 1880, the *M. E.* ALFRED G. HASTINGS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM R. BOWEN being Grand Secretary.

Seventeen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates his companions "that all of the eminent Masons who have so faithfully labored as your Grand High Priests are with us still to aid and assist by their counsel and advice, and that none of the Officers or Past Grand Officers of this Grand Body have been summoned by the grim



tyrant Death, and we remain to-day with our ranks unbroken." Nebraska has indeed been signally favored in this respect, and we trust it may be long ere a link in that fraternal chain is broken.

He appears to have suffered a considerable degree of comfort during his term of office, as he reports that nothing had occurred during the year to call for any particular remark or labor from him, and the work of his predecessors had been so well performed that nothing was left for him to do but to "become ornamental," and he modestly adds that "*nature had done so much for him in this direction*," that it required no effort on his part to fill the bill, or "words to that effect." When we first read this we were inclined to think it savored somewhat of egoism; but when we looked upon the handsome portrait which adorns the handsome pamphlet which so handsomely sets forth the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, we were struck with the peculiar propriety of the remark. The portrait is a credit to the *genus homo* of Nebraska.

We note the following decisions:—

"1. It is not necessary, nor even proper, to summon a companion, who is under suspension by his Lodge, to show cause why he should not be suspended by the Chapter."

"2. When a companion is suspended by his Lodge, and the Chapter has official or positive knowledge of that fact, it is the duty of the High Priest to order his suspension to be entered upon the rolls of the Chapter, and reported as such on the annual returns, when the subordinate Chapter would be relieved from payment of Grand Chapter dues."

"3. In this jurisdiction, any Royal Arch Mason who is a member of the Chapter is entitled to the degrees of Royal and Select Master without a ballot."

"4. Every Royal Arch Mason has all the rights and benefits of the Chapter without taking the Council degrees, but would not be permitted to sit in a Council of Royal and Select Masters."

With reference to the first decision, we must take the ground that, although it may not be "necessary," it is perfectly "proper" for a Chapter to summon a companion who has been suspended by his Lodge, to try him upon charges preferred and to suspend or expel him as may be determined.

As to No. 4, we presume that no Royal Arch Mason, who was not a Royal and Select Master, would claim to sit in a *regular* Council of such; but we claim that a Royal Arch Chapter has no right to exclude any of its members from any of its proceedings. In this connection the Grand High Priest quotes the following resolution adopted by the General Grand Chapter:—

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal Master and Select Master, and that it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them."

Upon which he says:—

"Thus leaving it to the Grand Chapters who have or may hereafter assume jurisdiction of those degrees to provide rules and regulations therefor. At the time of the meeting of the General Grand Chapter some steps were taken by Masons claiming to be Representatives of State Grand Councils looking toward the organization of a General Grand Council, which should assume control and jurisdiction of those degrees in States and Territories where no Grand Council existed; but I presume that they, upon mature reflection, would not attempt to organize Councils and confer those degrees within this jurisdiction, as this Grand Chapter has assumed exclusive control and jurisdiction of the Council degrees within its borders, and therefore will foster and maintain them to the exclusion of all others claiming authority other than from this Grand Chapter."

It is singular with what facility the "mergers" interpret this resolution of the General Grand Chapter to suit their own purposes. The governing body of Capitular Masonry declares that it "has no jurisdiction over the degrees of Royal and Select Master." Very true; neither has it over the degrees of symbolic or Templar Masonry, yet it declares the degrees which it recognizes and which shall be conferred by the Chapters under its jurisdiction. The plain inference is, that no others

are to be conferred. Is it necessary for the General Grand Chapter to specify in terms to its subordinates, the degrees which they may *not* confer? That would require a volume of negative commandments: Thou shalt not go astray after strange degrees; Thou shalt take no heed to the calls of the *Odd Fellows*, and when the *Knights of Pythias* beseech thee, verily thou shalt turn aside. Dazzle not thine eyes with the brilliancy of the *Eastern Star*, and beware of the seductive delusions of the *Thousand and One*, for verily, pride goeth before a fall, and thou shalt spend thy time in vain; and thus it would be necessary to go on with prohibitions *ad infinitum*.

The Grand High Priest assumes that the General Grand Council will not attempt to organize Councils in that jurisdiction. We presume that they will not only attempt it, but will succeed in it, and the Councils so organized will be the only legal bodies of Royal and Select Masters within the jurisdiction of Nebraska.

He bestows some well merited praise upon the chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, who will claim our attention in due time.

The Grand Secretary presented his report, in which he urges upon the Committee on Returns more "thorough and accurate work." He says they "should not be content with finding and indicating errors, but should correct them; going back, if necessary, to the returns of each Chapter from its organization." We cannot agree with our brother in this view of the matter. In our opinion the correction of the returns is no part of the duty of the committee. It is their province to examine the returns and ascertain whether they are correct or not, and if incorrect, to point out the error. The returns of the subordinate Chapters should be forwarded to the Grand Secretary in time to enable him to examine and compare them with last year's reports, and if errors or discrepancies exist, to correct them himself, or return them to the Secretary who prepared them, for correction. If this is done, the committee will only find it necessary to examine the returns and report them correct.

Again he says:—

"Your Secretary aims to publish the proceedings of the Grand Chapter in such a manner as to preserve a desirable mean between prolixity and curtness—to fully present matters of importance, and to briefly state the results of details. For this reason the detailed reports of the Committees on Charters and Dispensations, on Finance, etc., have been omitted, and the conclusions only published. Some Companions, whose views are entitled to consideration (and who are thanked for the expression of their opinion), think that all financial reports should be published in their fullest details. Your Secretary deems such action unwise, as giving publicity to purely private matters, and as leading to error and mishap by tending to relieve the Committee on Accounts from responsibility. The committee is apt to think that, because details are published, each one interested can audit the accounts for himself and "see just how the accounts stand"—an erroneous conclusion which your Secretary knows has done harm heretofore, and the end thereof is not yet reached."

We hardly think the committees, who sometimes pride themselves upon the ornate composition of their reports, will be satisfied with the publication of mere conclusions. Some conclusions are "lame and impotent," but whether thus or otherwise, the average committee likes to adduce, and their constituents prefer to read, the arguments upon which these conclusions are predicated. As to financial reports, the members of any body—Masonic or otherwise—have a right to know to the minutest detail how its funds are expended, and we cannot understand how any "erroneous conclusions" can be arrived at by such a course.

He thus concludes his report:—

"To conclude, my Companions: The Israelites let their land go fallow every seventh year; the furnaces of ancient Germany were extinguished every seventh year; your Secretary has served you seven years; should he not rest from his labors, lest he weary in well doing?"

And the Grand Chapter responded: "No rest!"

*Signet Chapter*, No. 8, invited the Grand Chapter to an entertainment prepared for

them that evening, which invitation was thankfully accepted; but Comp. BOWEN is so averse to publishing anything but essentials, that he gives us no hint of its nature.

We are pleased to see that the Grand Chapter of Nebraska has endorsed the action of Pennsylvania and California, by adopting the following resolution :—

*“Resolved, That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Nebraska be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever, neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members, nor have I been suspended from membership for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons.”*

We hope every other Grand Chapter, not in favor of cherishing drones, will follow the example.

A resolution was introduced, “instructing the *Grand Secretary* to visit each Chapter in the jurisdiction.” This is a new departure with a vengeance. Luckily for Comp. BOWEN, it “was considered, amended, and action postponed.”

M. E. Comp. “NICODEMUS,” (not him of New Testament fame), took the chair, and M. E. Comp. HASTINGS absented himself, to allow a motion to be made to present him with a testimonial from the Grand Chapter. A committee was appointed to revise the Constitution and By-Laws, to make them strictly to conform to those of the General Grand Chapter. The title of the officer who wields the sword at the entrance to the sanctuary was changed from “Guard” to “Sentinel.”

Here is another red rag, hung out to excite our bovine impulses :—

*“To the M. E. Grand Chapter of Nebraska:*

“Your special committee to which was referred that portion of the address of the Grand High Priest relating to the threatened infringement of the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter in the matter of the Cryptic Degrees, have had the same under consideration, and would report—

“That while, in our opinion, the danger of such invasion of our jurisdiction is not imminent at this time, for the reason that the proposed “General Grand Council” has only a provisional organization, we deem it proper that our views upon the subject should be made known to those who are proposing to consider those States wherein the merger has been perfected as “unoccupied territory,” wherein new Councils can be organized at will.

“Your committee are of the unanimous opinion that in this State, where the Grand Council, having lawful authority over the degrees, has voluntarily surrendered them to the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, to be conferred in a lawful Council, in and by the authority of this Grand Chapter, those who so receive them are not clandestine; they are conferred by lawful authority, and no General Grand Council, or any other Masonic body, has jurisdiction to interfere in our control over the same. We therefore recommend the adoption of the following:

*“Resolved, That the Grand Chapter of Nebraska would consider any action by a “General Grand Council,” or other Masonic body of whatever name, whereby jurisdiction over the Cryptic Degrees in the State of Nebraska should be assumed, a gross violation of our rights and of our jurisdiction, to be resisted by all lawful means and the exercise of all lawful powers.”*

We can now fully appreciate the feelings of the man who, when he broke his jug and spilled his rum, although noted for his profanity, swore not at all; and upon being questioned as to the cause of his resignation under circumstances so well calculated to excite into activity his besetting sin, despairingly replied that “he couldn’t do justice to the occasion.” We are just in that fix.

A resolution which had been judiciously annulled at a former Convocation, to the effect that “No one shall be elected High Priest of any subordinate Chapter who has not served one term as either King or Scribe,” was, upon motion of Past Grand High Priest ALLEN, re-enacted, but, by a formal vote, an appeal was allowed to the General Grand Chapter. The resolution was then offered by the mover as an amendment to the Constitution, and laid over until the next Annual Convocation. We have very little doubt as to how the General Grand Chapter will decide that question.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to the retiring Grand High Priest for the “zealous and impartial manner in which he had discharged his duties during the past year.”

We come now to the very interesting and valuable Report on Correspondence by *M. E. Comp.* EDWIN F. WARREN. It is written in a pleasant, free, and easy style which at once captures the attention of the reader, and holds it to the end. The proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters are reviewed, among them, California for 1880. His criticisms upon our transactions are courteous, pleasant, and for the most part commendatory. He says the Address of *M. E. Comp.* SPAULDING, "is a well written paper, and is the report of a busy, faithful officer."

Our Committee on Credentials, he says, reported the representatives of two Chapters under dispensation as being present, and entitled to seats; and wishes to know if this is custom, or law, in California. For his information we will state that it is our custom to admit such representatives to seats in the Grand Chapter; but, in their representative character, they have neither voice nor vote in the proceedings.

He quotes the following from *Comp.* SPAULDING's Address:—

"It is a matter of regret that poor health has deprived me of the pleasure of visiting Chapters more generally throughout the Jurisdiction. The same must be my apology for declining many cordial invitations to pay fraternal visits, also for the several *breeches of promise* which it now becomes me to confess in connection therewith."

Upon which he remarks:—

"This is sad, indeed! That a presiding officer should consider it 'becoming' in himself to confess to 'several breeches of promise'! With us a breach of promise is a serious affair, and one that no man takes any delight in. We would rather our esteemed Companion had confessed to poverty and a couple of—one pair at least—*breeches of trust*. A little of his prepared glue might have healed the breach."

We would respectfully inform our worthy companion that *our* SPAULDING is not him of glue(tinous) fame, although he *sticks* closely to his friends, and *adheres* firmly to his opinions when deliberately formed. He is a man of saws; not "old saws," or musty proverbs, but serrated discs, or plates of steel, well calculated to make *breeches*, and destroy *breeches*.

He speaks in complimentary terms of our report, and says: "it is not put away in an appendix, but is inserted in the body of the proceedings." Why does he not make *Comp.* BOWEN place his in the same position? He quotes our remarks upon the *status* of Chapters under dispensation, and comments as follows:—

"We have some doubt about the soundness of the above. A Chapter U. D. can do the things for which authority is given in their dispensation, and none other. No power to affiliate members or discipline them is given, or can be, unless the Grand Chapter Constitution permits it."

To relieve the doubts of *Comp.* WARREN as to the "soundness" of our views, we will simply quote the law of the General Grand Chapter upon the question:—

"Chapters under dispensation have the same powers as chartered Chapters, except the election and installation of officers, and the rights growing out of such election and installation."

In his review of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter, we find the following:—

"Upon the subject of the Cryptic degrees, Companion FRIZZELL recommended that *some action* be taken, and suggested that in case it were deemed best to 'recognize' them as a part of the series to be conferred under authority of the several Grand Chapters, some 'elimination' would be advisable—notably that of the Past Master's degree—'rather than encumber the work of capital Masonry, already severely taxed in this respect, with additional work and lectures.' But *nothing was done*, the General Grand Chapter being either too cowardly or too lazy to grapple with the problem and cut the knot of the difficulty by recognizing them outright or placing upon them its seal of unequivocal condemnation."

We were pained upon reading the above. Such language in connection with the General Grand Chapter is to the last degree unbecoming, and an ugly blot upon an

otherwise brilliant report. Under the head of Maine we find the following, for which we can forgive him a "multitude of sins:"—

"Let us see: *What rights has an affiliated Mason?* They may, we think, be included in the following general summary: (1) The right of unrestricted Masonic intercourse and visitation at home and abroad. (2) The right to ask for and receive Masonic assistance and charity for himself, his widow, and orphans, in case of need. (3) The right of Masonic burial after death. If there are others, they escape us now. We think all are embraced in the foregoing. Now, a Mason 'suspended from membership' in Maine is a *forced* non-affiliate, and by their law, *what rights has he?* We can better tell what he has not. The right of visitation and intercourse is denied him. The right to ask for assistance is denied him, because he has willfully refused to contribute to others, and no obligation rests upon the Lodge to relieve his necessities. Nor has he the right to demand Masonic burial—the sweetest and best boon the Order bestows upon her votaries—to be laid away, when our column is broken, by the loving hands of our brothers. Indeed, one who voluntarily remains non-affiliate for more than one year loses, under our regulations, all those rights; how much more, then, one whose non-affiliation is *forced*? We do not deny to the Grand Lodge or Grand Chapter of Maine the right to declare the status of all within her borders who have received light, unless she contravenes the well established principles of the Order, and *we do insist* that we shall have an equal right to declare that no 'Mason' is entitled to a seat in our halls who is 'suspended from membership.' We do not allow those of our own jurisdiction that right, and why should we be told that we must accept the status given them by another body, when it would be a violation of our own laws?

"The 'comity,' Companion DRUMMOND, is not all on one side. You have no right to give Masonic recognition to one of our number who has been suspended from anything 'for non-payment of dues.'

"But consider a moment: What class of men is it of whose rights Companion DRUMMOND is so tender, and in whose behalf he is so strenuous an advocate? Those who understand their obligations and conduct themselves according to the tenets of Masonry? Who bear their proportion of the burdens because their hearts are permeated by love for the Order and its teachings? Not at all; but for those who, upon every principle of decency and justice, have forfeited all claim upon our consideration. We would think thrice and pause a long time, ere we troubled ourselves over any fancied infringement of the fancied rights of such a class. Reason as you may—and we concede ingenuity—a reprimand is not a deprivation of substantial rights. We differ fundamentally in this: *We say* that 'expulsion from membership,' as defined by Companion DRUMMOND, does, in effect, deprive the delinquent of all that is worth having as Masonic rights. *He says* that the disciplined member has plenty of substantial rights left. *We say*, as defined by our law, such *forced* 'non-affiliate,' in substance and in fact is suspended. *He says*, that whether our law is thus or not, we must accept *his* interpretation of the effect of the sentence, and admit him to fellowship because they do. *We say* we can't and won't do it. We therefore approve of the resolutions passed by the Grand Chapters of California and Pennsylvania."

Upon the subject of the "unpleasantness" between the Grand Chapter of Missouri and its representative near the Grand Chapter of Colorado, he expresses our views to the letter. He says:—

"Now, it is just possible—nay, is it not rather probable?—that Comp. BYERS was merely thoughtless in including in his review the clandestine body, and had no intention of insulting any one, least of all the Grand Chapter whose commission he bore, but had inserted his notice thereof as an item of what seemed to him legitimate news, or as matter of curiosity; and we are sorry that in their anger and resentment our Missouri companions have branded and publicly disgraced a prominent member of a sister jurisdiction, and that too, *perhaps*, without waiting for or asking for explanations. Nor can we tell what duties were imposed upon Comp. BYERS by his own Grand Chapter. It is also *unfair* to discriminate so strongly against a companion in a young and weaker jurisdiction, when there was a much more just cause for offense in the report of Comp. OGDEN, of New York, who not only reviewed the same clandestine body, but gave them substantial aid and encouragement. Had the Grand Chapter of Missouri called upon the Grand Chapter of New York to disavow and repudiate Comp. OGDEN's sentiments, and, in the event of refusal, taken steps to assert her authority and dignity, every grand jurisdiction in the country would have approved their course. But, as we said, it seems unfair to pitch into a little fellow when a big man has been guilty of the same offense, and in a fourfold more aggravating way. 'Let us have peace.'"

Many more good things we would gladly quote from this exceptionally good report, but we have given Nebraska all the space we can afford. Comp. WARREN is a valuable acquisition to the reportorial corps, and *malgre* an occasional heterodox idea, he may be classed as a sound and intelligent writer.

There are nineteen subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 841.

The M. E. H. BAXTER NICODEMUS was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. WILLIAM R. BOWEN was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held at Lincoln on the third Tuesday in September, 1881.

#### NEVADA.

The seventh Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Nevada was held in the city of Virginia on the seventh day of June, 1880,—the M. E. DAVID E. BAILY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN D. HAMMOND being Grand Secretary. Seven of the eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his address, congratulates his companions upon the fact that they have been permitted to assemble with ranks unbroken, and that during the past year not only have peace and harmony prevailed, but more than usual prosperity has fallen to the lot of the subordinate Chapters. He had personally visited four of the Chapters, and found, without exception "that fervency and zeal which should ever characterize Royal Arch Masons," and from reports received from those Chapters which he had been unable to visit, he felt warranted in saying that this prosperity was general throughout the jurisdiction. He had found no occasion during the year for executive interference or discipline, and but three questions of any importance had been submitted for his decision. The first, involving a question of jurisdiction, was as follows:—

"First. Some Master Masons residing in Aurora, Nevada, desire to apply for the Chapter degrees in Bodie, California, it being more convenient for them than any Chapter in Nevada; they may or may not be members of the Lodge at Aurora. \* \* \* 'Will it be lawful for them to apply at Bodie?' To this I replied: 'They can, *provided* they first obtain the consent of the Chapter in Nevada under whose jurisdiction they reside—which in this case I suppose is *Lewis*, No. 1—and this whether they be members of the Lodge at Aurora or not, *provided* they be Master Masons in good standing.'

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom the decision was referred, having an eye to the treasury, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

"Your committee, to whom were referred the decisions of the M. E. Grand High Priest, respectfully report that in relation to decision No. 1 we do not concur with the M. E. Grand High Priest to the full extent of his decision. In the opinion of your committee, when a Master Mason, residing under the jurisdiction of one of our constituent Chapters, desires to take the Capitular degrees in another jurisdiction, he should obtain the unanimous vote, taken at a regular meeting of the Chapter under whose jurisdiction he resides, and that the said constituent Chapter should pay the amount of fees due this Grand Chapter in case the brother should be elected to receive the degrees in the foreign Chapter."

The second decision was called forth by a state of affairs which, to us, appears decidedly unique. Not having the *lex loci* at hand we are unable fully to understand the merits of the case, but present it as a Masonic curiosity:—

"Ought the Grand Secretary to pay more than ten dollars a year as the dues of a Life Member?" \* \* \* \* "The first paragraph, (referring to Sec. 5, Art. XX, of our Constitution) seems to forbid the possibility of a Chapter suspending a Life Member. How then are the dues in excess of ten dollars a year to be collected?"

"To the former of these last two questions I answered: 'No, unless such 'Life Member' shall have paid such an amount in addition to the sum provided above, (i. e. \$100) as in the judgment of the Board of Trustees shall justify the Grand Chapter in paying a larger annual sum.'"

"To the latter I answered: 'In the same manner provided by the By-Laws of the Chapter for the collection of all dues from the members of the Chapter not Life Members.'"

"The view I took of Sec. 5, Art. XX, of the Constitution, was this: That it was not the object or intention of the law to prevent the collection of the excess by the subordinate Chapters, when the dues exceeded the sum of ten dollars.

"It is true, the first sentence of that section declares: 'Any Royal Arch Mason in good standing who shall pay to the Grand Chapter the sum of one hundred dollars, shall be known as a Life Member, and shall be in good standing in the fraternity for life, so far as Masonic standing of a Royal Arch Mason is affected by his being or not being a member of some subordinate Chapter.' Did this sentence stand alone, it would of course be out of the power of any subordinate Chapter to suspend a Life Member for non-payment of dues; but taking it in connection with the qualification which I have quoted in answering the former question, this qualification being subsequent to the first sentence, should, I think, limit and govern it; therefore I decide that Virginia Chapter could enforce, as provided for in Sec. 4, Art. III, of the By-Laws of that Chapter, the collection of the excess of dues from every Life Member, a member thereof, when the dues exceeded the sum of ten dollars, such Life Member not having paid a larger sum than one hundred dollars to the Grand Chapter.

"I have referred to this decision at some length, for the reason that there appeared to be not only some diversity of opinion, but some feeling in regard to the construction of this section of the Constitution, and I only arrived at the conclusion above given, after serious and protracted consideration. No question will, I presume, hereafter arise under this section, it having been repealed at our last Grand Convocation."

We think the repeal of the section referred to was wisely done, as with such a law upon the statute book we can readily imagine that unpleasant complications might arise. But how are the rights of those companions affected who have already paid the one hundred dollars, and have thereby become members in good standing in the Fraternity for life? We have never before heard of a Life Member being suspended for non-payment of dues. Will Comp. HAMMOND please explain the apparent anomaly.

With reference to the power of the High Priest or Council of a subordinate Chapter to remove appointed officers for cause, the Grand High Priest stated that, although he was at first opposed to such authority being given, he had since changed his mind, and mentioned the matter in order that the Committee on Jurisprudence, if they saw fit to do so, might reconsider their former action, which was adverse to the proposal. We do not find, however, that the committee took any notice of the suggestion. In California the rule has worked well, and we have no desire to discontinue it. In order to do good work in the Chapter, it is absolutely necessary to have good, efficient, and attentive officers in the subordinate places. The beauty and impressiveness of the ceremonies of the various degrees may be, and frequently are, greatly impaired, or entirely destroyed by the incapacity, inefficiency, or negligence of one or more of those to whom are entrusted those minor details which are indispensable to the harmony of the whole. The High Priest (or the Council) is entrusted with these important appointments, and the Chapter, to a certain extent, hold him or them responsible for the character of the appointees. If then it should prove that one of these is inefficient or incapable from any cause, of properly performing his duties, the credit of the appointing officers, as well as the welfare of the Chapter, is at stake, and the power which has unwittingly created the evil, should have the power to remedy it. The argument that because an appointed officer has been installed he cannot be removed, is a fallacious one. He is not placed in his position by the act of the Chapter, but is the creature of the High Priest or Council, and the ceremony of his installation involves the promise on his part that he will faithfully perform the duties appertaining to his office. If he fails to do this he is recreant to his trust, and the welfare of the Chapter demands that the power that made him should at once remove him, and fill his place with a competent successor.

The Grand High Priest animadverts in strong terms upon the levity sometimes witnessed in conferring certain degrees, and we trust the reprehensible practice will ere long be completely eradicated from our system. He also alluded in fitting terms to the lack of fraternal courtesy sometimes exhibited toward visitors in the Chapters,

by which they were made to feel as if they were "strangers in a strange land," a practice by no means confined to the jurisdiction of Nevada. In this connection we call to mind the custom of a beloved old Master—long since gone to his rest—who, when visitors were announced in his Lodge, after the usual conventional words of welcome would call off the Lodge, and, descending from his station, would greet each visitor with a kindly Masonic welcome and introduce him to the members of the Lodge; and after a few moments spent in general conversation, would place the visitor under the special charge of some member of the Lodge, resume the gavel, and proceed with the business. Thus the visitor was at once placed at his ease, and made to feel that he was among brethren, and at home.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$1,261.67.

The committee to whom was referred the subject of a uniform Ritual, reported that: "We recognize in its fullness, the propriety and importance of such a regulation, and would most cheerfully aid in its accomplishment could we believe in its expediency; but in view of our limited membership, the vast territory comprised within our State, the already large and increasing expenditures to which we are subject, together with the universal depression which attains in all business enterprises, it seems to us that the undertaking at this particular time is hazardous. We therefore recommend that action thereon be postponed until our next Annual Convocation." The report was adopted. We would suggest to our companions of Nevada that now, while their constituency is small, is the time to accomplish that important object, the uniformity of work; and they will find that the longer the subject is delayed the more difficult it will be to handle.

The representatives of sixteen sister Grand Chapters were introduced and welcomed in a neat and appropriate speech by E. Comp. WILLIAM C. GRAY, to which R. E. HORATIO S. MASON, representative of the Grand Chapter of New York, responded in the following well chosen words:—

"On behalf of the Grand Representatives here assembled I return hearty thanks for the cordial welcome and kindly greeting this day extended to us. We come, not as individuals, but as Representatives of a widespread Fraternity. To our companions here in the rocky fastnesses of the Sierras we bring a message of love and cheer from the hearts of our companions far away. For the moment let us forget narrow, civil divisions, and remember that we are parts of a Royal family dispersed about the globe. Narrowness and bigotry, the pride of state, and the thought of self, have no place in this great family circle. Sufficient is it for us to-day that we are Royal Arch Masons. To some our coming may appear to be a mere matter of form, possibly partaking of the frivolous. Nay, but it is not so. By our presence we would impress you with the great fact that our common brotherhood, if it be successful in its great mission, must do so upon the great lines so eloquently set forth by the Excellent Companion in his reception.

"May this jurisdiction prosper more, and yet more; may the work here sent up for inspection stand the test so rigidly imposed, and may the blessing of Heaven rest upon the Royal Craft.

"Again, companions, we thank you for your fraternal greeting."

The Grand Secretary, Comp. JOHN D. HAMMOND, favors us with another of his well written, jolly, and readable Reports on Correspondence. He tries hard to condense, out of respect to the stringency in the treasury, but as a condenser Comp. JOHN is not a success. A writer of his ability should have full play, and be allowed to riot, fancy free, in the field of Masonic literature.

Here is a specimen of his condensatory powers:

Under the head of Alabama, he thus criticises the views expressed by Comp. PILLSBURY:—

"1. Standing in Blue Lodge controls standing in Chapter."

"O. K."

"2. The insurance business has no place in Masonry."

"XXXX."

"3. The General Grand Chapter is more ornamental than useful, and its dissolution would not be regretted."

"Give us a little time on that proposition."



"4. The union of Capitular and Cryptic Masonry is the only means whereby the latter can be maintained."

"The experiment will at least be tried in many jurisdictions."

In the case of California he appears to have abandoned his condenser, or else the machine was out of order, for he devotes four pages to our proceedings of 1879-80. He quotes approvingly the decisions of Comp. BROWN, and of the Pennsylvania resolutions he says: "The relation of Lodge to Chapter is emphatically and truthfully set forth in them," and he hopes to see every Grand Chapter that holds the doctrine, enunciate the same.

With reference to the place which a Report on Correspondence should occupy in the proceedings, he acknowledges that, "theoretically," we are right, but thinks it somewhat inconvenient, after reading a decision, to be obliged to turn over a hundred pages to find a report upon it. Slip a mark in the book, companion, at the end of the Report on Correspondence, and you will have no trouble thereafter.

With one of the decisions of Comp. SPALDING, he takes issue, viz.: That in subordinate Chapters a notice of a motion to reconsider at a subsequent Convocation cannot be entertained, but the motion to reconsider must be made and acted upon at the same meeting. Upon this question he says:—

"The decisions above quoted were all affirmed by the Grand Chapter. We agree, except as to No. 10. In the absence of any rule to the contrary, it seems to us that a motion to reconsider, of which definite notice has been given, ought to be allowed at the next stated Convocation of the Chapter. The very nature of the motion is to prevent hasty action. As the decision now stands, a mere quorum at one Convocation may perfect action which the entire Chapter, at its next Convocation, may not reconsider—a possibility of the gravest magnitude. Is the theory of the Grand High Priest that each Convocation of a Chapter is as complete in its action as the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter in fact, correct? We are inclined to differ with the high authority cited, although we have not space to argue the question."

We believe the decision of Comp. SPALDING to be correct. Each Convocation of a subordinate Chapter is a finality. It cannot adjourn from time to time, but must be regularly closed, and all its proceedings at one Convocation are final, and cannot be reconsidered, in a technical sense, at a subsequent one. The subject may be brought up anew, and the transactions of one Convocation, if found to be objectionable, may be rescinded at another, but it must be treated as a proceeding *de novo*. He quotes liberally and approvingly from our reports, and for the kind words he speaks of us he has our thanks.

Under the head of Canada, he quotes the following from Comp. ROBERTSON's report:—

"We do not regard 'good standing as a Master Mason' as essential to Chapter membership. That is one of the fallacies by which confusion is introduced into the arguments on this subject. *It may be essential to admission to the Chapter in the first instance, but it is not at all essential to the continuance of membership in the Chapter.* After a companion has once become a member of a Chapter, he can only lose that membership by action under the laws and regulations of that Chapter or of Grand Chapter. Membership in any society depends on the laws of that society, and not on the laws of some other body. So that the Lodge action of itself cannot affect Chapter membership. Our Chapter regulations make Lodge action a foundation for Chapter proceedings; but they also expressly reserve the right to discipline their own members, and do not allow any other body to do it for them."

Upon which he comments as follows:—

"How is it possible to reach the conclusion in the sentence we have taken the liberty to italicize is beyond our comprehension. It would be exceedingly awkward, to say the least, for a Nevada Mason to stand on a triangular pavement with one who had been expelled from the Lodge of Master Masons. To exchange Lodge signs, grips, and words with one in a Chapter, which signs, grips, and words it would be criminal to use with the same party in the Lodge or upon the street, seems to us very strange practice. Yet such a condition of affairs must sometimes occur under the Canadian custom.

"As well might a man retain rank and position in the English Church or Parliament after he had ceased to be an Englishman."

We would gladly make further extracts from this excellent report, but we have room only for his conclusion, which is truly *Hammondian*:—

"The jurisdiction of Conclusion is most formally reviewed by the average Reporter. We are very glad to have reached it. Such as it is, our work is done. Our clippings will be found worthy of careful perusal, while we hope our comments will at least have the merit of directness. As illustrative of the value of saying *something*, we reproduce, very imperfectly, the story of a ministerial friend of ours:—

"A demonstrative German, rising in a speaking meeting for the purpose of rebuking the spirit of delay which seemed to have possessed the whole congregation, said:

" 'Mine bruders und sisters, I likes dose beoples vat hafe somedings to say on the questions. I pelieve ve haf too many beoples vat sits all the dimes on the fences. Mein Gott! I somedimes tinkt vat if dose fences ver *razors*. Ah! *ve should haf such a vast accumulation of materials, vat ve should no' know vat to do mit.*' "

The eight Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 411.

The M. E. FRANK BELL was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOHN D. HAMMOND was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Virginia on the thirteenth day of June, A. D. 1881.

#### NEW YORK.

The eighty-third Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Albany on the third day of February, 1880, the M. E. DAVID F. DAY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX being Grand Secretary. One hundred and eighty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is a good, sound, practical paper, and goes to the root of all matters touching the welfare and prosperity of the Order. He thus reminds his companions of the dignity of the Grand Chapter, and the responsibilities incumbent upon its members:—

"We meet not to consider any of the absorbing problems of trade or commerce, nor to inquire how any one in his worldly wealth may be advantaged. We meet not to deliberate upon any question of the state, nor to endeavor to discover how political power may be perpetuated or obtained. We seek for no man the wreath of civic honor or authority. We meet not in the interest of any creed or sect. It is not for us even to consider how those who worship God upon Mt. Gherizim may be brought to Zion's holier hill. None of the purposes for which men are accustomed to assemble in convention are ours.

"The duty which calls us together is beyond self, beyond sect, beyond party. It is for us in our deliberations to ignore the distinctions which have so often divided men into jealous and contending factions, and look alone to the common interests of humanity. Within our charge is one of the most important departments of Masonry. To that extent Providence has committed to our care, the oldest and most venerable institution in which the benevolence of man has taken form and organization; an institution whose origin is shadowed in doubt, but whose gentle and humanizing influences encircle the globe. I deem it a trust of the greatest consequence.

"I have called Capitular Masonry a most important department of the institution. I would not willingly place it in any position beyond that to which it is entitled in the estimation of candid and judicious men. But I feel sure that the fact must have impressed itself upon your minds, as it has upon my own, that its great conservative influence has made it, as it were, a balance wheel, giving to all the movements of the great machine, something of steadiness, regularity, and precision. May I repeat a favored figure, and call it again the Senate of Masonry?"

He expresses his satisfaction at the condition of the Order in that jurisdiction, although the aggregate membership has been somewhat reduced. He thinks the amount of work done in the Chapters, though inconsiderable as compared with that accomplished in the "years of plenty," is still sufficient to prove that the interest taken in the Order is still active, and he believes that with the return of "better times" in business affairs, there will also be a return of the days "when candidates were plenty and treasuries overflowing."

He very truly says: "The strength of Masonry is not to be found in the multitude of its votaries, but in their devotion to its principles and their obedience to its

laws. I read the hurry and hot haste in which candidates have sometimes sought the portals of Masonry. The oak, whose strength derides the tempest, and whose life is measured by centuries, is a tree of the slowest growth."

He announces the death of the R. E. LEWIS GOODMAN HOFFMAN, Past Grand King, who at the ripe old age of four-score years was summoned to receive the reward which awaits the faithful workman. For more than fifty years he had been an honored and faithful member of the Craft, and at the time of his death was the oldest permanent member of the Grand Chapter. In connection with his death, the following beautiful sentiment, so eloquently expressed by the Grand High Priest, is worthy of being printed in letters of gold and hung in the hall of every Masonic Body in the land:—

"It is a beautiful sight to see the young man, in the freshness, purity and promise of his early manhood, while yet his heart is as stainless as the new-fallen snow of a Winter's morning, before it has been trodden under foot, or sullied by the contact of the busy world; it is, I say, a beautiful sight to see the young man approach the Masonic altar, and there solemnly dedicate his life, not like the Carthaginian youth of history to the hatred of any man, or any nation of men, but to love, and charity, and universal benevolence.

"And yet it is a more agreeable sight to see the true Mason, in the noonday of his life, faithful to every vow, exemplifying in his daily walk the beneficent principles of our Order, speaking evil of no one, rendering to every man his due, giving the word of fraternal admonition when it is needed, lending the helping hand where it may be required, and often turning away from the engrossing pursuits of business to renew his love at our shrine, and to give to our assemblies the benefit of his counsel and the sanction of his presence.

"But still more beautiful, it seems to me, is the sight of the aged brother, whose well-spent life has been illustrated by the virtues of brotherly love, relief and truth, who has kept inviolate the vows taken in the morning of his life, whose love for the Craft has never been impaired, and whose heart still abounds in charity. Thus even, as in nature, the hour of sunset is sometimes made glorious by rarer and more gorgeous colors than those which beautify the morning."

The death of the M. E. PETER P. MURPHY, another octogenarian and Past Grand High Priest, is also announced. He became a Mason at the age of twenty-one years, and consequently had seen nearly sixty years of Masonic service. A fine steel engraved portrait of this venerable companion embellishes the annual.

Two dispensations were issued for the formation of new Chapters, and the usual number of special dispensations were granted for sundry purposes.

"Many and various" questions had been presented for his decision; a large number of them he considered of too little consequence to be presented to the Grand Chapter, and judging from the following specimen, which he considered of sufficient importance to present, we can readily imagine the degree of frivolity which must have characterized those which were deemed unworthy of consideration.

The High Priest of a Chapter desired to know whether the Chapter could entertain the petition of a companion for affiliation "*before such companion had obtained his dimit from the Chapter of which he was a member.*" The answer of the Grand High Priest may be readily inferred; but, in our opinion, a High Priest who could seriously propound such a question must have reached nearly the lowest level of Masonic intelligence.

He decided that, in the event of an unfavorable report, a ballot was proper; and one reason assigned for his opinion was, "that while it was entirely proper to inform a candidate of the fact that a ballot upon his petition had proved unfavorable, there might be many reasons why he should not know that a committee of investigation had reported unfavorably." We fail to appreciate the force of this reasoning. The candidate is entitled to know the result of his petition, but, if unfavorable, he has no right to know whether he was rejected by ballot, or by an unfavorable report; that is a part of the transactions of the Chapter which no companion has a right to divulge, and any one thus offending should be severely disciplined.

He further decided that it was competent for a High Priest to discharge a Com-

mittee of Investigation appointed by himself, and name another in its stead, if he found good reason therefor. "That if at any time during the progress of a candidate through the degrees a ballot shall be demanded, it must again be spread, when, if it shall prove not clear as to the remainder of the degrees, the candidate must be declared rejected; and that in order to obtain the remainder of the degrees, his petition, after the lapse of three months, must be again brought up for the consideration of the Chapter, and that if the ballot shall then be clear, he may proceed." This decision is of course rendered in accordance with local law, and therefore its correctness is not obnoxious to criticism; but we have no hesitation in expressing our opinion that the principle upon which such a law is founded is unjust and wrong. The candidate, when he presents his petition, does so with the understanding that he is to receive all the light that Royal Arch Masonry can confer upon him. He does not ask that a portion of the degrees be conferred upon him, but all; and when he has received one or more he has acquired rights which cannot justly be abrogated by the will of one person without reason or explanation. If, after becoming a Mark Master, it shall appear that the candidate is unworthy to proceed, the fact should be made known, and proper proceedings instituted; or if any member of the Chapter should object to the advancement of the candidate, he should make his objection known to the High Priest or Chapter, and if upon investigation the objection proves a valid one, the progress of the candidate should be stayed, but not otherwise. Having once passed the ordeal of the ballot and entered the portals of the sanctuary, he should not be stopped by the caprice, malice, or even honestly-entertained objection of any one member, without good and sufficient reasons therefor. He also decided that the petition of a clergyman must be accompanied by the usual fee.

The following statement of facts was submitted for his decision:—

A brother formerly residing in Hornellsville, where *Steuben* Chapter is located, and a member of a Lodge at that place, who during the last three years had lived in Texas, within the last two weeks had returned to Hornellsville, and, claiming it to be his intention to remain permanently at that place, had petitioned *Steuben* Chapter for degrees and membership. The question asked was, whether the petition could be rightfully entertained. The answer was, "that if *Steuben* Chapter was fully satisfied that the brother in question had in good faith changed his residence to Hornellsville, the petition might be received."

We think it is better that some specified time should be prescribed within which a brother hailing from another jurisdiction may not apply for the degrees without the permission of the Chapter nearest his last place of residence. A brother hailing from New York, and expressing his intention to make his future residence in San Francisco, could not lawfully present his application to any Chapter here until he had resided within its jurisdiction for a period of six months. The theory of this regulation is obvious, viz.: that those know a man best who have known him longest.

He was asked whether a companion, suspended for non-payment of dues, has a right to visit the Chapter. His answer was, "that while the suspension of a companion for any cause continues, he is debarred from all his rights as a Royal Arch Mason; and that all companions are interdicted from holding with him any Masonic intercourse whatever."

Right, *M. E.* Companion; our hand upon that proposition.

The following decision accords with the views expressed by us in our report of last year, under the head of Wisconsin, and which Comp. CORTRILL, of that ilk, denounces as "rank heresy":—

"A Brother duly elected to *Americus* Chapter, had been called to Portsmouth, Virginia, there to remain a considerable period of time. Not having received any of the Capitular degrees, he was desirous that *Americus* Chapter should request *Mount Horeb* Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, at Portsmouth, to confer them. The question

was, whether *Americus* Chapter could make the request. I answered that it could, requiring, however, that in the conferring of the degrees the usual obligation of fealty to this Grand Chapter and to the General Grand Chapter should be administered to the candidate."

He decided that none but a High Priest or Past High Priest could install the officers of a Chapter. That a dimitted companion may affiliate with any Chapter in the State, no matter whether he lives within its territorial jurisdiction or not. That a Master Mason, who had formerly petitioned *Delta* Chapter, No. 185, for degrees and membership, and been elected, but who had subsequently removed to the jurisdiction of *Delhi* Chapter, without having received any of the capilar degrees, might be lawfully elected for degrees and membership by *Delhi* Chapter, without asking the consent of *Delta* Chapter.

We cannot concur in the last decision. Under the law of *perpetual jurisdiction*, as laid down by the General Grand Chapter, it would seem that if the subordinate Chapters have everlasting jurisdiction over their *rejected* material, they ought at least to have control over that which they have duly *accepted*. In other words, if one Chapter has no right to pick up and assimilate that which another has thrown away, surely it can have no right to appropriate what has been accepted, and properly belongs to the other, without its consent. The following, although correctly decided, strikes us as something unique in Masonry:—

"In answer to an inquiry, I decided that it was incompetent for the Scribe and Secretary elect of a Chapter, even with the unanimous consent of the companions, to exchange offices, and each be installed in the position to which the other was chosen; and that such exchange and installation was absolutely void."

To remedy the error, which it appears was actually perpetrated, a dispensation was issued authorizing a new election of Scribe and Secretary.

With reference to these decisions the Grand High Priest very pertinently remarks:—

"In answering the many demands made of me during the last year for official expositions of Masonic law, I have usually found only a pleasant duty. Even in the few cases in which such inquiry seemed almost needless, I have seen manifested rather the desire to be certainly right, than a disposition to avoid the necessary investigation and study of the Constitution of this Body and its recorded decisions.

"I desire, however, to say that I am now even stronger in the opinion than I was a year ago, that a very large proportion of all the questions which, from time to time, are asked of the Grand High Priest or of the Grand Chapter, should be fully answered in plain and unambiguous terms, by the Constitution itself."

With reference to the harmonious condition of the Craft, he says:—

"I need not say that I have great satisfaction in being able to report that, so far as my knowledge extends, during the last year the utmost harmony and fraternal feeling have prevailed throughout the jurisdiction. It is possible that somewhere in the State there may have been trials of companions for unmasonic conduct, but if so, they have not come under my notice. No charges have been preferred to me against any companion or Chapter. No case of grievance or appeal has been brought to my official cognizance. Such differences as I know have arisen between companions and between Chapters, have all been adjusted by the parties concerned in that spirit of conciliation and fraternal feeling which should prevail even when Masons disagree."

He devotes considerable space to the discussion of the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues, which he names the "crying evil of the time," and he earnestly exhorts the Grand Chapter to give the subject its early and most serious attention, with the hope that a remedy may be devised. He announces the astounding fact that in that jurisdiction there are already upwards of seven thousand Royal Arch Masons under suspension for this cause, and he says: "The returns of the present year will disclose the fact that in one instance a Chapter having upon its rolls the names of some two hundred and twenty-five companions suspended for non-payment of dues during the past year—nearly or quite one-fourth of its entire membership." He mentions other instances where Chapters, during the past year, have reduced their

membership one-third from the same cause; and attributes these wholesale suspensions to the general depression in business affairs which has prevailed throughout the country for some years past, and says: "When such times occur, the Institution of Masonry, like the Church itself, is among the first to suffer, as it is among the last to recover, from their effects." Yet he says:—

"So large a number of suspensions is a fact pregnant of other suggestions.

"May we not in past years have been too ready to welcome candidates, and have exercised in their reception too little discrimination?

"May we not have failed to impress our new-made companions with that sense of duty and obligation to the institution which must always be its surest support?

"May not Chapters have been remiss in their duty to call in the arrearages of members?

"I think that all these questions must be answered affirmatively; yet I am not sure that they point out the remedy. I am free to confess that although I have reflected very much upon the problem, as yet I have failed to discover its solution. I leave it for your better judgment.

"Yet I would suggest, before I pass from so important a topic, that in my opinion, the Grand Chapter would contribute something to the cure of the evil, if it would clearly determine that while a suspension of the companion for the non-payment of dues shall continue, such suspension shall be as effectual, in cutting off the defaulting member from his rights and privileges as a Royal Arch Mason, as a suspension for any other cause. This I have already decided to be the law, well knowing, however, that there has heretofore existed in the Grand Chapter a divided opinion upon the subject.

"I would not disturb the right of a companion suspended for non-payment of dues, from restoring himself to his proper standing by the discharge of his arrearages. But I would make it necessary, in all cases, before a companion could be suspended for the non-payment of dues, that his dues should be personally demanded, and in no case should they be permitted to accumulate for more than two years. The personal demand which I would have made for the payment of dues, would disclose the important fact whether or not the companion has the ability to pay them. Then, if he is able to pay, but is unwilling, his suspension would surely be just and proper; but if it should appear that he is not able to pay, his dues should be at once remitted."

Of the General Grand Chapter, he says:—

"It is my duty to call your attention to the fact that on the fourth Tuesday of next August, the GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER OF THE UNITED STATES will begin its Twenty-fourth Triennial Convocation, at the city of Detroit. As the sovereign body of Capitular Masonry in this country, its proceedings will be watched with the closest attention by the Royal Craft. It is the oldest Grand Chapter in the world. To its creative fiat thirty-six State Grand Chapters, our own being one of the number, owe their existence, the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and the two Virginias, alone, of all the States of the Union, can deny, upon tenable grounds, its high supremacy. Throughout its eighty-two years of history, whatever may have been the attitude of other State Grand Chapters, the Grand Chapter of New York has given it an earnest and unwavering support. I know that that support will still be cheerfully accorded.

"It has, indeed, been objected that the authority of the General Grand Chapter is very meager. It is true that its functions and powers are narrowly circumscribed. I should be willing that both should be increased. But I cannot discover how its value in our Masonic system can be reasonably doubted. It is the only fountain of authority from which Chapters in our new States and Territories can derive a lawful existence. It is the final arbiter of all questions of difference which may arise between the Grand Chapters of the respective States. It is the only custodian of the ancient work of the Order, and the ultimate authority by which all questions of ritual and ceremony are to be determined. But, beside these important objects, there is another which it subserves, giving it a still higher claim upon our favorable estimation and regard: it calls to its council the chosen representatives of the Craft from every State and Territory within its extended jurisdiction; they meet around its altar, it may be as strangers; they partake in its devotions, deliberations, and judgments; in the light of truth they learn to know one another; prejudices and misconceptions vanish; and, when at last the hour of separation comes, they part as brothers and friends, united by a mutuality of respect and regard, and a community of sentiment and purpose, which could scarcely be attained in any other way."

The Deputy Grand High Priest submitted a report from which we infer that that officer is not merely an ornamental appendage to the Grand Chapter, as in this and some other jurisdictions, but is clothed with an authority little inferior to that of the Grand High Priest. He has the power to decide questions of Masonic law, which

authority, in our opinion, should be vested in one head, subject to the approval of the Grand Body. In his report, he says: "While many questions of law have been presented for my decision, but a single one has sufficient importance to require that I should report it to you."

We think our New York companions must be afflicted with *cacothés inquirendi*. They first flood the Grand High Priest with questions, to which, if he replied in detail must have proved his office no sinecure, and they then deluge the Deputy with an ocean of the same material, out of the depths of which he could fish but one poor little minnow for the delectation of the Grand Chapter.

The fish alluded to, is a double-headed one, as follows:—

"First. May a Lodge of Mark Masters, Past Masters, or Most Excellent Masters, be opened and a degree be worked, without first opening the Chapter?"

Second. Opening the Chapter, then changing to a Lodge of *M. M.* or *P. M.* or *M. E. M.*, and resuming the labors of the Chapter, and, finding less than nine companions present, can the minutes be approved, any business transacted, or the Chapter be closed? or must it remain called off to the next stated Convocation?"

"The answer to the first question is in the negative. The answer to the second question is, That the minutes must be approved and the Chapter closed. To arrive at a proper answer to the second question a few rules of Masonic government, in the jurisdiction of New York, must be borne in mind, to wit: First, the minutes of every Convocation of a Royal Arch Chapter must be approved before the Chapter is closed. Second, a Royal Arch Chapter must be closed at the conclusion of every Convocation, and cannot be called off from one Convocation to another. Third, the approval of correct minutes of a Convocation of a Chapter is a ministerial act of the presiding High Priest, and must be performed by him after such minutes shall have been read. The Chapter itself has no vote upon the question of the approval of the minutes, and therefore a quorum of the Chapter is not absolutely required to be present when minutes are to be approved by the declaration of the High Priest.

"Hence it follows, that a High Priest having opened his Chapter with a quorum present, and afterward suspended labor, and opened one of the Chapter Lodges, then closing the Lodge, resuming the labor of the Chapter, and finding less than the lawful quorum present, it becomes his duty to order the Secretary to read the minutes, which he, the High Priest, should declare approved, if he find the record of the Secretary to be *correct*, and he then should proceed to close his Chapter with such form as the circumstances of the case may warrant."

These decisions were approved by the Grand Chapter; yet, with all deference to this venerable Grand Body, we must enter our unqualified dissent. We know how deeply this will grieve the Grand Chapter of New York, but we can't help it; we can't see the matter in "*those lamps*," as a French brother once remarked.

With reference to the first question, we have already expressed our opinion in two former reports, briefly, to the effect that the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, and Most Excellent Master, were appendant to the Chapter, and not within its *bosom*, as the phrase is; and may be conferred at any time *without* opening a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons. The officers of the several appendant Lodges are the officers of the Chapter, those who attend and take part in the ceremonies are Royal Arch Masons and members of the Chapter; the candidates for the degrees have been duly elected by the Chapter, the minutes are duly kept and presented to the Chapter for approval; then why should it be necessary to formally open the Chapter for the purpose of conferring the Mark degree?

If the High Priest in question opened his Chapter in due form, then called off and opened a Lodge of Mark Masters, conferred the degree, closed the Lodge, and then called on the Chapter for the purpose of formally closing it, we are not at all surprised that he found himself without a quorum; which predicament originated the second question.

The doctrine that a Chapter has no voice in the approval of its minutes, is to us a novel one. In every Body, whether deliberative, legislative, or Masonic, which it has been our lot to attend, when the minutes have been read, the question of their approval has been submitted to the body itself, and some member moved that they be approved as read, if correct; or if any error or omission occurred, the correction was made and they were then approved. The Chapter itself, and not the High

Priest alone, is to judge of the correctness of the minutes. The Secretary signs them as the recording officer, and the High Priest signs them as the executive head of the Chapter.

The Grand Treasurer reported cash on hand, \$1,484.98, and invested, \$2,000; making a total of \$3,484.98.

At a Council of High Priests, held in connection with the Grand Chapter, as is customary in that jurisdiction, forty-one companions were anointed, consecrated, and solemnly set apart to the office of High Priest in ample form.

A revision of the Constitution was adopted, and all rulings and decisions on questions of law inconsistent with the provisions of the new instrument were repealed.

A committee was appointed to select and present to the retiring Grand High Priest a suitable testimonial "as an expression of the high appreciation of his character as a man and Mason entertained by the members of this Grand Chapter, and for the fidelity and ability with which he has discharged the duties of Grand High Priest of this jurisdiction for the past two years."

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address relative to suspension for non-payment of dues, reported as follows:—

"As to the matter of suspension for non-payment of dues, also presented in the Grand High Priest's Address, and referred to us, we fully agree with the Grand High Priest that suspension for non-payment of dues has the same effect as suspension for any other cause, while such suspension continues. We think the provisions of the Constitution, as revised and adopted since the subject was referred to us, fully provides for the other points suggested in this part of the address."

Now that this matter is definitely settled, and suspension is declared by law to mean suspension, and nothing else, we are confident that our New York companions will soon discover that their list of "suspended for non-payment of dues" is being very rapidly diminished. To Maine and Massachusetts we fraternally say, "go thou and do likewise."

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. DARIUS A. OGDEN, is an able review of the proceedings of all the Grand Chapters on the continent, save those of Missouri and Tennessee. He commences his report with a brief notice of the transactions of his own Grand Chapter, which we consider a good idea, although he says some of the reporters have thought it strange that he should do so, and criticized, although in a friendly way, his course. We give his opening remarks, that our companions may judge for themselves:—

"We sit down once more, with printed Proceedings all about us, to open the Foreign Correspondence Report for the Grand Chapter of the State of New York. It is truly a 'Grand Chapter,' in more than one sense—in its personae as in its members, in its intelligence as in the character, worth and strength of its members. Some of our cotemporaries in the corps reportorial criticise us, not in bad temper, not even to finding fault, but because it is strange that we begin the Correspondence Report by a brief mention of our own jurisdiction. To us it is a pleasant duty, and we think a proper one.

"Our Grand Chapter met at its usual time—the first Tuesday in February, 1879, at the capital of the State, and the magnificent Masonic Temple was full to repletion. Grand Officers, Past Grand Officers, visiting companions and representatives of subordinate Chapters, at least three hundred strong, were in attendance, and participated in the solemn and imposing ceremonies of opening. The Grand Chaplain was at his post, and there was prayer and supplication. The opening ode was sung, and with the aid of the excellent organ, filled the large hall with sweet music; and we are sure that all felt as we did, that it was pleasant and good to be there. The session was very harmonious, the business was promptly dispatched; there was some earnest discussion, but no angry disputation. Tears dropped from many an eye over the sad news of the decease of Most Excellent Companion BARNUM—a better man did not live than EZRA S. BARNUM—for him to die was gain, but a deep and heartfelt loss to all his companions and friends. One by one the veterans drop away, and the places that knew them so long know them no more forever; but verily they have their reward. The Master, the GREAT I AM, hath called them up higher. 'They fought a



good fight, they kept the faith; ' be it ours to imitate their example and follow in their footsteps, so that of us, and to us, it may also be said, ' Well done, good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.'

" The companions of this Grand Chapter met in Grand Convocation for the eighty-second time—met on the square, clasped hands around the Altar, parted on the level, and were all stronger and better from having come together. It is good to commune with the faithful, and it gives strength and breadth of character to hold counsel with the wise and true."

California for 1879, receives fraternal notice. Of the Pennsylvania resolutions, he says:—

" We cannot agree with the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania nor the Grand Chapter of California; nor do we believe such is Masonic law or good policy. In this, and in other jurisdictions, the law and the practice is different; and striking from the roll, or suspension for non-payment of dues, does not affect membership in the Chapter. In Canada the rule and law goes still farther, and holds that suspension from the privileges of Masonry, or expulsion, does not destroy membership in the Chapter, without affirmative action by the Chapter. Our judgment is, that both Pennsylvania and Canada are wrong, and that the position of New York and others, holding the medium ground, is right."

These remarks of Comp. OGDEN were written, of course, before the last Annual Convocation of his Grand Chapter was held, at which it was declared that suspension meant all that the term implies. It is the "*medium ground*," hitherto held by the Grand Chapter of New York, which has placed upwards of seven thousand names upon its list of suspensions, and the Grand Chapter, having acquired wisdom from the experience of eighty-two years, has adopted the doctrine which her younger sister, California, has so long advocated.

Sec. 39 of the Grand Chapter of New York now reads as follows:—

" The membership of any companion in a Chapter within this jurisdiction shall be suspended whenever, for any cause, he shall be suspended in the Lodge to which he belongs."

Sec. 31, on the subject of dues, is substantially the same as our own law. It reads as follows:—

" Sec. 31. A Chapter may make by-laws regulating the payment of dues and assessments for necessary Masonic purposes from its members, and provide penalties for the enforcement thereof; but no greater penalty shall be inflicted than the suspension of the companion in arrears, which shall cease upon the payment of such dues and assessments to such time as the by-laws shall direct. No suspension of a companion for the non-payment of dues or assessments shall be ordered except upon notice to him of at least four weeks to pay the same, or to show cause at a regular Convocation of the Chapter why he should not be suspended."

Upon no point have the acts of the Grand Chapter of California been so strongly criticised, as upon the question of suspension for non-payment of dues; but our arguments, and those of our predecessors, appear to have carried conviction to one after another of the Grand Chapters, and, now that New York has fallen into line, we doubt not that the rest of the sisterhood will soon follow. He quotes liberally from our report, pronouncing it an " excellent one, and in the main sound and judicious;" for which words of praise he has our thanks. He says of our remarks anent the opening of Chapters and appendant Lodges, " there is force in his words." Enough, we trust, to convert him to our doctrine.

Comp. OGDEN, having been " chaffed " to some extent by his brother reporters for the recognition which he gave to the so-called " First Independent African Grand Chapter of Missouri," defends his position with a degree of asperity which sufficiently indicates the " sore spot," and that touching it gives him anything but a pleasant sensation.

Under the head of Illinois, he says:—

" Comp. GRNEY is not well pleased with our views upon the negro question. The simple truth is, he does not understand, or else he cannot comprehend, our position on the question. He talks flippantly about clandestine organizations, and taking negroes to his bosom as brothers, if they were only made in regular Lodges, etc. This

is simple bosh. He very well knows that no negro will ever be made in a Lodge or Chapter of white Masons. Masonry is very broad and liberal in its aim, scope, and purpose. While it knows but little about geographical lines, it has a good deal of common sense and a good deal of human nature in it. We have no expectation nor any desire to see negroes and white men unite in Masonic Lodges, nor would they if we desired it ever so much. If Masonry ever reaches the black man it will not be through the Lodges of white men, only as a starting point; nor would the question of irregularity, or the bugbear clandestine, enter into the question. The subject rises above and is independent of all this, and must be settled by reason and magnanimity, and not by prejudice. We have no disposition to discuss it now, and have only to say that Comp. GURNEY and one or two others misapprehend the question as presented by us. We take back nothing, nor do we push anything. The question, if settled at all, will settle itself, without much regard to what any of us may say; and so we leave it."

We regret to see Comp. OGDEN lose his temper in a friendly discussion of this character. He has been long enough in the reportorial harness to have acquired a density of cuticle sufficient to resist the pen-pricks of the quill-driving fraternity. To characterize the remarks of a brother reporter as "*flippant*," and his ideas as "simply bosh," is scant courtesy, to say the least.

There is so much that is interesting and instructive in this really excellent report that we leave it with great regret. On most questions Comp. OGDEN's views accord with our own, but occasionally he expresses an idea or advances an argument that makes us *squirm* with impatience to cross pens with him; but we have drawn out this review of New York to such an unconscionable length already, that we must "call off," and leave him to a more fitting opportunity. The Grand Chapter of New York, and its reporter, are, at all events, entitled to our thanks, in that they have given us something to write about.

There are in this jurisdiction two hundred and twenty chartered Chapters, and one under dispensation, having an aggregate membership of 16,078.

The M. E. WILLIAM T. WOODRUFF was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. CHRISTOPHER G. FOX was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NEW JERSEY.

This Grand Chapter held its twenty-fourth Annual Convocation in the city of Trenton on the eighth day of September, 1880,—the M. E. JAMES H. DURAND, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE B. EDWARDS being Grand Secretary. Twenty-six subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is principally confined to local affairs. His official acts were few, being mostly the granting of special dispensations for various purposes. Relative to these he makes the following pertinent suggestions:—

"In each of the cases noted I deemed it a duty incumbent upon me to grant the dispensations requested, in order either to maintain the organization of the Chapters, protect their property, or increase their efficiency; but while I consider that it was right, and indeed necessary, for me to make use of the power vested in me, I nevertheless most earnestly submit to the Chapters, and to the companions composing them, that every dispensation thus granted, without exception, might have been, and should have been, rendered unnecessary by a proper attendance upon the Chapters, and a due attention to the Masonic duties devolving upon the members."

He reported but two decisions, viz.:—

"1. There are no constitutional obstructions to the establishing of a fee for affiliation.

"2. There is no authority by virtue whereof a companion can be suspended for non-payment of dues of his Chapter."

We advise our companions of New Jersey to at once follow the example of New York, and if there is no authority in their jurisdiction by which a companion may be suspended for non-payment of dues, to establish one forthwith.

We notice that while the gain from exaltations, affiliations, and reinstatements for the past year was one hundred and one, a like number were *stricken from the roll* for non-payment of dues. These outcasts from the Chapters, having all the rights

and privileges of the Order assured to them except the right to belong to a Chapter and pay dues, will, except perhaps in a few instances, make no effort to reinstate themselves upon the rolls of their respective Chapters. They can partake of the honey without the trouble and expense of preparing it, and they care not to be identified with any particular hive, while without any effort on their part they may enjoy the hospitalities of all. If they were *suspended from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry*, they would soon be brought to terms, and gladly return to the fold and resume their duties. We venture to hazard the prediction that in the near future New Jersey will see the point, and adopt the plan of suspension for non-payment of dues. The crowning argument of the oponents of this system is, that "a Mason cannot be deprived of his rights without due trial." How then can you strike a member from the roll without the formality of a trial? By this act, which is a summary one, you deprive a member of a portion of his rights, and you have no more authority to deprive him of one single right or privilege without trial, than you have to suspend him from all.

Of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter at Detroit, the Grand High Priest says :—

"The General Grand Chapter of the United States met in Triennial Convocation at Detroit, Michigan on Tuesday, August 24th, 1880. It became my duty, as well as pleasure, as your Grand High Priest, to attend. The session continued four days. Associated with me in attendance, as a representative of this Grand Chapter, was E. Comp. GEORGE SCOTT, the proxy of the Grand Scribe. M. E. Comp. JOHN WOOLVERTON, P. G. H. P., was also present. The Grand Chapter of the State of Michigan, and the companions and citizens of the beautiful city of Detroit, most hospitably received and right royally entertained the General Grand Chapter, and others who were guests. No words can properly express the deep appreciation felt by all of the magnificent manner in which their comfort and pleasure were ministered unto by the companions and citizens of the Peninsular State. We carried from Detroit none but pleasant and agreeable recollections.

"The grandeur of our institutions, and the universality of its principles and work, were in this distinguished gathering most aptly illustrated. Maine and California, Florida and Oregon—the East, the West, the North, the South—were represented here. All were seeking to promote the same beneficent cause, and all labored with the spirit of harmony, and the earnest desire to reach such ends as would tend to advance the interest of Royal Arch Masonry throughout our common country.

"The labors of the Convocation resulted in the adoption, with most singular unanimity, of an amended Constitution, which it is confidently believed will render the General Grand Chapter more efficient, without the imposition of any additional burdens. Questions interesting and important to the Royal Craft were considered and discussed, but time will not permit me to enter into an extended account of the action taken. The ritual also received attention, the central idea and object being to establish throughout the jurisdictions a uniformity in those things which we as Royal Arch Masons understand to be included in the term 'essentials.' The varying rituals in use in the different States have been a source of annoyance and perplexity, if not of grave apprehension, for the future of the work of Royal Arch Masonry. The establishment of a standard in matters which are sufficiently important to be regarded as 'essentials,' will be hailed as a step in the right direction. Some features of the ritual adopted will affect the New Jersey standard, but not to so great an extent as it will the standards of many of our sister jurisdictions. I think that I can safely say that the companions of New Jersey will take pleasure in an unhesitating compliance with such modifications as have been or shall be recommended by the undoubted Masonic wisdom and the extended experience of the members of the General Grand Chapter."

The reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand King, and Grand Scribe, show that those officers have been zealous in the discharge of their duties, and that a fair degree of prosperity exists among the subordinate Chapters.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$628.92.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were tendered to the retiring Grand High Priest, and a committee was appointed to procure and present to him a suitable testimonial of esteem and appreciation.

We turn with pleasure from the somewhat dry and uninteresting routine of the regular proceedings, to the appendix, which proves to be a veritable oasis in the

desert, where the weary seeker after truth may refresh himself at the fountain of wisdom, enjoy the delicious fragrance of the flowers of rhetoric, and taste the grateful flavor of the fruit of the tree of knowledge. The said appendix, comprising one hundred and sixty pages, is the production of the Grand Secretary, Comp. GEORGE B. EDWARDS, being his Report on Correspondence for 1880, and reviewing the transactions of forty-two jurisdictions, with a brief notice of the late triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter. Owing to the death of Comp. CONSON, there was no report last year, and consequently nearly all the proceedings of the various Grand Chapters are reviewed for two years, adding very materially to the labors of the Reporter.

Comp. EDWARDS, seeing the magnitude of the task before him, loses no time in preliminary flourishes, but at once addresses himself to the work. The proceedings of California for 1879-80, are courteously reviewed and commented upon. Touching our adoption of the Pennsylvania resolutions, he says:—

“Lodge suspension in this jurisdiction is of more moment than an April shower, and the Pennsylvania rule was adopted. (Quoted under the article Pennsylvania.)

“The Committee on Foreign Correspondence are pleased to quote the language and the action taken by New Jersey in 1878, on the subject of *suspension*, and say: ‘We commend the report of the committee, not only on account of its correctness, but also for the forcible manner in which the decision is rendered.’ When the writer penned the decision in Grand Chapter, he little thought that it would fall to his share to acknowledge the kind endorsements of those who were like-minded.”

He is fully in accord with us, relative to the relation of the appendant Lodges to the Chapters. He can see no justice in “charging a companion with dues while under the ban of suspension.” Our theory is, that no companion should be allowed to take advantage of his own wrong. A member may be suspended for non-payment of dues, and remain in that condition for twenty years, being all this time perfectly able to discharge his liabilities to the Chapter; but, feeling no interest either in it or the Order, so long as prosperity smiles upon him he makes no effort to renew his membership. But a time comes when adversity overtakes him. His riches have “taken to themselves wings,” and he feels, perhaps, that to be a member of the Chapter would pecuniarily, or otherwise, benefit him. Is he then to return, and for the paltry sum he owed at the date of his suspension, resume all his rights to participate in the store which his more faithful companions have been accumulating during all these years, when, had he done his duty to the Chapter, that store had been augmented in the sum of twenty years’ dues? We say no. The whole theory of suspension for non-payment of dues is not to punish the recreant member—for he can release himself from that purgatory at his own will and pleasure—but to force him to do that, which is his bounden duty, and which, in his obligation, he has faithfully promised to do, viz.: to comply with the by-laws of his Chapter. In California we are determined that all the officers and crew on board our Royal Arch Craft shall either fish, cut bait, or go ashore.

He quotes also the decision of Comp. SPAULDING relative to the reception of petitions, viz.:—

“*Question.* When a petition for affiliation or initiation is presented, and a member present objects to it, or to its being received, what is the duty of the High Priest?”

“*Answer.* The High Priest should promptly seat the objecting companion, and proceed in the usual manner to refer the petition to a committee.

“When a petition is once read, which is what the word *presented* technically means, it becomes the property of the Chapter, and by the recognized law or usage of Masonry, cannot be withdrawn; still less can it, in the concluding language of your question ‘be referred back to the petitioning companion or brother.’ A petitioner for the degrees or for affiliation, is symbolically considered as material brought up for the building of the temple; and this material must be rejected or accepted.”

Upon this he says:—

“Presuming that it requires a vote to receive a petition, and a majority voted against its reception, what would then be the course? We had supposed it was the

general practice that a vote should prevail to *receive* before any document became the property of a Chapter."

We do not know what the custom in New Jersey may be, but with us it is as follows: When, in the course of the business of the Chapter, the "*reception of petitions*" is reached, the Secretary—if there are any petitions on his desk—takes one in his hand and says: "A petition in due form for the degrees—or for affiliation, as the case may be—signed by JOHN SMITH, and giving the age, residence, and occupation of the petitioner." Then is the time, if any members desire it, to object to the reception of the petition. If no objection appears, the petition is read, which constitutes its reception, and is duly referred to a committee.

In answer to a question asked in our last report, relative to the nature of an "acquired petition," he says:—

" 'More light' is asked upon the decision rendered by Comp. JONES: 'Upon the withdrawal of an acquired petition, the material reverts to the original jurisdiction.' It has become the practice of late years to follow the usage of the Grand Lodge, which allows of the withdrawal of a petition, before the report of the investigating committee—a rule which has never been in favor with the writer. Permission having been accorded to receive the petition of one residing in the jurisdiction of another Chapter, it is termed an *acquired petition*. Should it be withdrawn from the Chapter considering it, by a vote, prior to report from the investigating committee, the material reverts to the original jurisdiction."

The explanation is satisfactory, so far as an understanding of the matter is concerned; but, the "rule which has never been in favor with the writer," will certainly receive no endorsement from us.

In commenting upon the official acts of Grand High Priest SPAULDING, he says:—

"A dispensation was granted to form a new Chapter, and ten days thereafter, to the same body, another dispensation was issued to ballot upon the petitions of nine brethren, the Grand High Priest remarking, 'I think the interests of Royal Arch Masonry generally, were advanced by granting the prayer of the Council,' *et sic de similibus*. We infer there certainly must have been great need of the new Chapter in Mono county."

Comp. EDWARDS is strongly opposed to the granting of special dispensations to violate the law, and we are fully in accord with him upon that subject. We believe that no Grand High Priest has any right to grant a special dispensation for any purpose not especially provided for in the Constitution. The inherent rights, sometimes claimed for Grand Masters—which doctrine we utterly repudiate—cannot be claimed for Grand High Priests. Their powers, duties, and prerogatives are, and always have been, prescribed and limited by Constitutional law. To show that Comp. SPAULDING in no wise exceeded the powers vested in him, we quote the following section of our Royal Arch Constitution, defining the powers and duties of the Grand High Priest:—

"SEC. 3. He shall have power, when the Grand Chapter is not in session—

"1st. To issue dispensations for the formation of new Chapters;

"2d. To issue dispensations for the election of an officer or officers of a Chapter at a time other than that named in this Constitution;

"3d. To issue dispensations to ballot for a candidate for the degrees without reference to a committee."

The authority in question is conferred in the last subdivision of the section. In the instance referred to, the dispensation was granted to form a new Chapter in a somewhat sparsely populated district. The brethren, upon whose petitions it was proposed summarily to act, were well known residents, and by conferring the degrees upon them without waiting the Constitutional period, the new Chapter at once started upon a sound working and financial basis.

Under the head of Colorado, he scores Comp. BYERS, with—we think somewhat unnecessary—severity for his recognition of the Independent Grand Royal African—what is it? He says:—

"Comp. BYERS presented the report on Foreign Correspondence, the most conspicuous feature of which is the reviewal of the 'First Independent African G. R. A.

Chapter, the commencement—'*Missouri, also has another Grand Chapter*'—appearing in irregular sequence of the notice of the Grand Chapter of that State. It is a most deliberate affront to the Craft, and Missouri in particular—a great perversion of the duties and privileges assigned to the committee, and a greater assumption of audacity. One member of a committee recognizing a *clandestine body* in the sovereign jurisdiction of a Grand Body—a peer in the Masonic galaxy of Grand Chapters of the United States! His anxiety to be *first* has undoubtedly so opened his pores that the atmospheric *independence* has penetrated and produced *germination*."

To accuse him of recognizing a clandestine body, is bad enough, but to stigmatize him as a *buddist* is outrageous.

Under the head of Texas, he quotes from Comp. LAWRENCE, relative to their practice of allowing visitors to vote, as follows:—

"If the Lodge or Chapter, in the plentitude of its private family powers, could keep all the bad eggs it lays, at home. \* \* \* But as the fact stands, they lay their eggs for all as well as for themselves, and all should have some right to determine whether they are fit for market."

Upon which he says:—

"We are glad to find something in which we differ from him. (we dislike perfectionists,) and it is just here: we do not like this general commission to roam about the quarries and interfere with others' work, leaving the marks of their tools, by irresponsible Craftsmen. But, to return to his figure, we don't want visiting hens to help lay eggs in our Masonic nest, and should fear the cackle that would result. As to determining fitness of eggs for market, it is generally done by taking them into a dark room and holding them in a particular manner between the eye of the examiner and a candle. Applied to Masonry, examination and application of the rules of the Great Light.

"We find Comp. LAWRENCE holding the view of visitation by *privilege*, and not by right—in which we fully concur. Will he allow us to ask him, in connection with the foregoing, to dispose of the following problem? A visiting companion is announced; objection is made; he then sends in word that he wishes to exercise his *right* to take part in a ballot upon a candidate whose petition is to be voted on during the present Convocation, and has come for that purpose."

Many and rich are the good things in this report, and we would like to make many more extracts, but time presses and we would stop right here, but for the fact that, having stumbled upon a subject so savory as *bad eggs*, we desire to get into a purer atmosphere.

Under the head of Wisconsin, we find the following, which accords with our idea as expressed in our report of last year. In noticing Comp. COTTRILL's opinion that one Chapter may not confer the degrees for another, he says:—

"We beg to differ with him in this relation. Should a Mark Master Mason from Wisconsin locate in this jurisdiction, and the Chapter that conferred the degree ask one of this obedience to work the remaining degrees for them, it would be done without the hope of fee or reward, and they would be duly certified of the same, and the companion would remain the property of the Chapter making the request. The charter under which the candidate received the last degrees rates as an instrument of the same value as that under which the first was conferred. The provisions of a charter are circumscribed by lines of boundary—the material by regulation, usage and concession."

We are pleased to find that the opinion of Comp. EDWARDS is in accord with our own on the subject of suspension for non-payment of dues, although his Grand Chapter has not yet adopted the rule. He says:—

"Averse to the practice of dropping (or striking) from the roll, which Comp. COTTRILL characterizes as 'vague, meaningless, undefined business,' he asks these questions: 'Is he still a member of his Chapter; is he in good standing, having committed no other offence than, perhaps, as stated, having 'gone West'; is he affiliated or unaffiliated; in fine, what then is his status?'

"In this jurisdiction the penalty for non-payment of dues in the Lodge is suspension; in the Chapter striking from the roll. We have so fully stated what we understand by the former penalty, that it is unnecessary to repeat it. The quality of the latter in New Jersey deprives of membership, leaves the companion an unaffiliated Royal Arch Mason without a dimit, and unable to join any Chapter until he has paid his just dues. Personally, we are of opinion that suspension should take its place."

We here bid Comp. EDWARDS a fraternal *adieu* until we greet him, as we hope to, at our next annual Inspection and Review.

There are thirty-five Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 2597.

The M. E. CHARLES BECHTEL was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. GEORGE B. EDWARDS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Trenton on the fourteenth day of September, A. D. 1881.

#### NEW HAMPSHIRE.

This Grand Chapter held its sixty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Concord on the eighteenth day of May, 1880,—the M. E. GEORGE W. CURRIER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. GEORGE P. CLEAVES being Grand Secretary. Eighteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief, and treats solely of local affairs. The increase in membership had not been great, yet the growth had been a healthful one, and the work sent up for inspection was such as to pass the test of the Master Overseer's square. He congratulates his companions upon the fact that they are permitted to assemble with ranks unbroken, and that their records will not be darkened with memorial pages for departed loved ones, as has been the case for many years past. His official duties had been light, no complaints having been made to him, and but one dispensation, for any purpose, had been asked for—that being for a public installation, which, as it was to occur subsequent to the Annual Convocation, was referred to his successor:

Two decisions only were reported, which were as follows:—

"1. A Master Mason who has been elected for the degrees conferred in the Chapter, and who has received three of the Chapter degrees, and then receiving notice that he has been suspended by his Lodge for non-payment of dues, is not entitled to the Royal Arch degree until reinstated by his Lodge.

"2. Application for the consent of a subordinate Chapter that a new Chapter may be formed, may be made verbally or in writing, but the consent of the Chapter, if granted, must be in writing, and under seal of the Chapter."

The last of these decisions was approved, the first was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence; but we search in vain for a report of that committee on this or any other subject. The committee, perhaps, were of our opinion, that the decision was so undeniably correct that a report was unnecessary.

He called especial attention to the state of the treasury, he, in accordance with a vote of the Grand Chapter, having authorized the Grand Treasurer to borrow the sum of \$224, to pay current expenses; and although the sum had been repaid, it left the treasury in such a depleted condition that, unless other means were devised, the same necessity would recur. The Committee on Ways and Means, however, reported that "in consideration of the improved condition of business and the apparent prosperity of Masonry in the jurisdiction, it was unnecessary to take any action at this time."

The Deputy Grand High Priest and the Grand King presented their reports, from which we infer that the subordinate Chapters are in good working order, and enjoying a fair share of prosperity.

Comp. JOHN BELL, chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, presented a partial report, and it was ordered that the committee complete their report and publish it with the proceedings of this Convocation. We look in vain however, for the report; but a note from the Grand Secretary informs us that, owing to important business engagements of the chairman, he was unable to complete it, and rather than present to the Craft an incomplete review it had been decided to suppress it entirely.

The Committee on Finances report a balance on hand of \$70.91.

There are twenty chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, with an aggregate membership of 2,194.

We think it would be well for our New Hampshire companions to appoint a standing Committee on Unfinished Business. At the last Annual Convocation an important decision of the Grand High Priest was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, to report at the next Annual Convocation; being the one whose proceedings are the subject of this review. No report upon the matter appears. The decision is a just and correct one, and should have been formally approved by the Grand Chapter and promulgated as the law of that jurisdiction. Another matter in the address of the Grand High Priest was referred to the Committee on Chapters and Returns. That Committee submitted a report on other questions, but the subject alluded to was quietly ignored. This apparently loose manner of transacting business ought to be amended; and we ask Comp. CLEAVES to take the suggestion in good part, and not remind us that he has seen whole families get rich by attending to their own business.

The M. E. ALBERT S. WAIT was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. GEORGE PERLEY CLEAVES was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the City of Concord on the seventeenth day of May, A. D. 1881.

#### NOVA SCOTIA.

The Grand Chapter of Nova Scotia held its tenth Annual Convocation in the city of Halifax on the second day of June, 1879, the M. E. W. A. HESSON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JAMES GOSSIP being Grand Secretary. Five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is confined to a recital of his official acts, which have only a local interest. From it we learn that during a period of ten years the Order has increased from three Chapters with 136 members, to eleven Chapters with 437 members.

From the reports of the visiting officers we learn that the subordinate Chapters are enjoying an average degree of prosperity, although the aggregate membership has decreased by nine from last year's statistics. Fourteen are returned as *missing*, and may possibly, at some future day, be discovered and brought to light.

In the Committee of General Purposes, a kind of *Imperium in Imperio*, it was *Resolved*: "That in view of the limited funds at the disposal of Grand Chapter," it would be imprudent to incur any extra liability for preparing and printing a Report on Correspondence.

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance on hand of \$158.45.

The M. E. WILLIAM TAYLOR was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JAMES GOSSIP was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### NORTH CAROLINA.

This Grand Chapter commenced its Thirty-second Annual Convocation in the town of Wilson on the first day of June, 1880, the R. E. SAMUEL H. SMITH, Grand King, presiding, the R. E. DONALD BAIN being Grand Secretary.

To six of the Grand Offices the prefix "as" denoted the absence of the incumbent. Eleven subordinate Chapters were represented.

It was announced that urgent business engagements prevented the attendance of the Grand High Priest at the opening, but he was expected to arrive on the morrow.

The Grand Secretary, in his report, stated that applications from members of extinct or dormant Chapters for certificates of membership in their respective Chapters had been made to him, and he had given them, in cases where the records furnished evidence of the regular standing of the applicants at the time their Chapters ceased work, upon the implied authority of Section 3, Article XI, of the Constitution. In order to place his authority in this respect beyond implication, he submitted an amendment to the aforesaid section, which was referred to the Committee on Juris-



prudence; which Committee having reported favorably, it was laid over under the law, until the next Annual Convocation.

Upon the subject of the Cryptic degrees he says:—

“The unsettled policy of the Cryptic Rite, and the unsatisfactory situation of these degrees, produced by the general agitation of the question as to their proper position, will, no doubt, receive the consideration of the General Grand Chapter at its approaching Triennial Convocation. The joint memorial of this body and the Grand Council to the General Grand Chapter in 1877, for the transfer of these degrees, was entertained by that body, and postponed until the next Convocation, in connection with similar papers and amendments to its constitution now pending. I think I perceive a disposition on the part of the General Grand Chapter to treat this question in the spirit of liberality which is demanded by the positive action or utterances of many of the Grand Chapters. The memorial of our two bodies plainly set forth their position on this subject, and needs only the additional expression urging the adoption of the amendment therein proposed.”

The General Grand Chapter having refused its consent to the proposed union, and a General Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters having been duly organized, the “policy of the Cryptic Rite” is no longer “unsettled;” and we trust that in every jurisdiction where the Grand Councils have become extinct through the unlawful amalgamation with the Chapters, they will immediately reorganize, and with renewed energy and zeal strive to place these beautiful degrees in their proper position in our American system of Masonry.

An amendment to the Constitution was adopted, providing that “No companion shall be eligible to the office of *M. E.* Grand High Priest unless he shall have filled, by election and installation, that of High Priest of a subordinate Chapter.”

A committee of three was appointed “to consider the best means of promoting Capitular Masonry, in connection with the causes which have operated against its advancement in this jurisdiction.”

On the morning of the second day of the Convocation the Grand High Priest, *M. E. C. M. VAN ORSDELL*, was announced, and received with the grand honors.

His address is brief, but contains words of wisdom that should be heeded. We extract the following:—

“Companions, although our temple may be attractive in its outward appearance, though our Order may, and without doubt does, have the manifestations of unwarranted growth, yet I fear that within its organism are being planted seeds of evil, which, if allowed to remain, develop, and produce fruit, will sap the virtue of our beloved institution.

“Now, we have promised in the most solemn manner that we would redouble our endeavors to correct the vices, purify the morals, and promote the happiness of our companions. We have promised to be good men and true, and strictly to obey the moral law. We have pledged ourselves to guard against intemperance and excess. Notwithstanding these solemn pledges, it is a lamentable fact that the intemperate use of spirituous liquors is the cause of more injury and trouble than all others combined. Now, while we do not presume to dictate to a craftsman what he may eat, drink, or wear, yet we should insist that he be temperate in all things. Then, my companions, let us all, with one accord, use every endeavor to exterminate the curse of intemperance, profanity, and excesses from our beloved institution, and that we may practice before the world what our beautiful tenets and principles teach us within our sacred tabernacle, that the world may know that when a man is said to be a Mason, he is one to whom distress may prefer its suit, whose hand is guided by charity, and whose heart is expanded by benevolence.”

He had been called upon to make but one decision during the year, and as there was no law regulating the matter, he earnestly urged the companions to make suitable legislation at this Convocation in regard to the case. The decision was as follows:—

“A resolution to surrender the charter of a Chapter should be offered at a regular meeting, and that each companion belonging to said Chapter should be furnished with a copy of said resolutions, and notified to appear at the next regular meeting to take final action in regard to the matter.”

The Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom it was referred, presented a report approving the decision, but with the proviso that “No charter of a Chapter shall be

surrendered if there be nine companion Royal Arch Masons, members of said Chapter in good standing, opposing its surrender." The report was adopted.

In accordance with a recommendation of the Grand High Priest, the charters of five delinquent Chapters were revoked; and in this connection he says:—

"In their present condition they are hopelessly dead, and the officers who allowed them to expire under their management are hopelessly and utterly unable to revive them.

"Then, companions, let us cut them off as so many broken and disabled masts, hanging over the sides of our glorious old ship to retard her progress. By so doing we shall give others, and younger and more zealous Masons, a chance to take hold and build up new Chapters and revive Capitular Masonry in those places where they have been dead so long. Let us try the experiment, and if we should gain but one new Chapter it will be a success, and we will be repaid for our efforts. But instead of one, I believe that new Chapters will be formed in every place, for I feel convinced that with the advance of our country's returning prosperity, which is now acknowledged everywhere, that Masonry is bound to advance, revive, and prosper again.

"She has not been dead, but sleepeth; and I, for one, feel that the time of her awakening draweth nigh.

"So mote it be!"

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$99.52.

The special committee to consider the causes which have operated against the advancement of Capitular Masonry, and the best means to promote its prosperity, submitted the following report, which was adopted:—

"Your committee to whom has been assigned the task of investigating the causes of the decay of Capitular Masonry in North Carolina, have the honor to submit the following report:—

"It is believed that the causes of this lamentable decline are merely temporary and superficial, and that wise and judicious legislation on the part of the Grand Chapter now assembled, will entirely, or in great part, remove them and restore the prosperity to which we have so long been strangers, and for which we so earnestly sigh. Prominent among the causes which have militated against our Order, your Committee desire to enumerate the following:—

"1st. The rapid and phenomenal growth of ephemeral secret societies based upon the grand principles, which Masonry alone has practised and enunciated for centuries, and offering to their votaries rewards of various kinds for their adhesion—a practice alike abhorrent to the genius of Masonry and the exercise of true charity.

"2d. The ignorance of subordinate Chapters and Chapter Masons generally throughout the State, of the work, the ritual, and the obligations of the Capitular degrees.

"3d. The want of system and energy on the part of the Secretaries of subordinate Chapters in collecting dues and keeping alive the organizations of the Chapters to which they belong.

"4th. The absence at this time of what, in lieu of a better term, may be called the 'tidal wave' of Masonry, which, according to the experience of the oldest Masons, occurs periodically.

"Having diagnosed the disease, we venture to suggest the following remedies:—

"1st. Keep our Chapters alive, if possible, maintain the dignity of our Order, avoid all connection with the inflated ideas of the present age, and stand firm upon our landmarks and our record of a thousand generations.

"2d. Divide the jurisdiction into four subdivisions, each under the charge of one of the principal officers of the Grand Chapter, and make it his duty to visit each Chapter, revive dormant Chapters, and make them proficient in the work under such provisions and conditions as the Grand Chapter may prescribe.

"3d. Keep ourselves as Royal Arch Masons, "unspotted from the world," and wait, like our brethren of old, for the time of the rebuilding of the temple draweth nigh.

"In conclusion, we offer the following resolution:—

"Resolved, That it shall be the duty of the Grand High Priest to divide this jurisdiction into four sections, each of which shall be under the control of the Grand High Priest, the Deputy Grand High Priest, the Grand King, and Grand Scribe respectively, and it shall be their duty to use their utmost efforts to place every Chapter in their respective sections, whether dormant or otherwise, in good and active working order, on such arrangements and conditions as may be agreed upon between them and the respective Chapters."

The report is an excellent one and strikes at the root of the disease; and the recommendations of the committee, if faithfully and energetically acted upon, will

in our opinion soon restore Capitular Masonry in North Carolina to its pristine strength and prosperity.

A resolution was adopted requiring the Deputy Grand High Priest and all other officers deputed by the Grand High Priest to perform any duty, to report to each Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter.

With the proceedings is published a reprint of the proceedings of the Grand Chapter from 1822 to 1827, inclusive.

We regret that, owing to an insufficiency of funds, the Report on Correspondence prepared by Comp. SOUTHWATE, is omitted. We sincerely hope that at the next Annual Convocation the Grand Chapter will be free from financial embarrassment, and able to publish the report of one of the most able and interesting writers in the reportorial ranks.

This Grand Chapter has now upon its registry nineteen subordinate Chapters, with an estimated membership of 842. The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the town of Nashville on the——day of June, A. D. 1881.

#### OHIO.

The sixty-fourth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Ohio was held in the city of Chillicothe on the fourteenth day of October, 1880, the *M. E. JAMES B. HOVER*, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E. JAMES NESBITT* being Grand Secretary. A large number of subordinate Chapters were represented, but time is too precious to figure up the exact number.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is brief and confined to local matters.

There are one hundred and forty Chapters in this jurisdiction, and the Grand High Priest had visited them all, with the exception of one hundred and thirty-eight. He recommends the Grand Chapter to adopt some system of visitation, which he says "would prove of great benefit and encouragement to many weak and struggling Chapters."

He recommended that a burial service be adopted for the use of the Chapters; as the installation ceremony qualifying the Chapters for their work in life had been favorably introduced to the public. He says: "I instinctively feel it should be as independently and as fully qualified in the hour of death to weep with those who weep, and to commit, with its own service and ceremonies, to the shadows of the tomb, the body of every companion deceased, who, in life, had been true and faithful among us." This portion of the Address was referred to a special committee, who submitted the following sensible report, which was adopted:—

"That, in the opinion of your committee, a separate service for the Royal Arch Chapters of the State is not only unnecessary, but the Grand Body would make a mistake if such a proposition should be adopted by it; we therefore recommend that the whole subject be indefinitely postponed."

With reference to decisions upon points of law and usage, the Grand High Priest makes an excellent suggestion, which was adopted; and which, if adopted in every jurisdiction would save much time and unnecessary labor to Grand High Priests. It would also have a tendency to check the vice of profanity, against which we have inveighed somewhat at length in other portions of this report; for how could a Grand High Priest consistently denounce the use of "*cuss words*" when sorely tempted thus to relieve himself by a question like the following?—

"Can our Chapter receive the petition of a brother, not yet a Master Mason, but who it is expected will be raised to that degree within the time prescribed for the committee to report?"

We can almost justify a Grand High Priest for quoting certain portions of the holy writings, disconnected from the text, upon such a provocation.

The Grand High Priest says:—

"My opinion of Masonic law and usages has frequently been asked during the past year. In most cases I have been able to answer by referring to a rule or decision of the Grand Chapter, but the others, for which I found no precedent, are contained in bundle marked 'B,' to which I would ask your consideration, and revision if necessary.

"In this connection I wish to say that three-fourths of the questions which have been propounded to me have been answered in the laws, rules, and decisions published in the proceedings of the Grand Chapter, and in many cases where I referred to them for answer I received letters in return asking me where those proceedings could be obtained. I would recommend that there be made a codification of all decisions, rules, and regulations of the Grand Chapter, also the new Constitution adopted by the General Grand Chapter at its last session, and such other matters as would give all the information needed, and to be published in pamphlet form; and a copy of same should be preserved by every Chapter."

From among the decisions rendered we quote the following :—

"The indefinite suspension, for gross unmasonic conduct, of a companion who objects to the advancement of a candidate who has been elected to receive the Capitular degrees, removes the objection; and on the removal of the objection by such indefinite suspension of the objector, the High Priest should, at a regular Convocation, announce in open Chapter that the objection is removed, and that if no further objection be made (the fees being on deposit) the degrees will be conferred at the next regular or some subsequent Convocation; but that the candidate should not be advanced until one month after the announcement in open Chapter that the objection has been removed.

"A candidate was petitioned for and was elected to receive the Mark Master's degree, which was regularly conferred, and at a subsequent meeting he received the Past Master's degree, but after it was conferred, and at the same meeting, it was discovered that no ballot had been had for his advancement to that degree. Held, that he had received the Past Master's degree, and was entitled to all the privileges of a Chapter Past Master, and that a ballot for his election to the degree after it had been conferred was without effect.

"The petitioners for a new Chapter are dimitted from their several Chapters and become members of the new Chapter when the latter is constituted under its charter; but such several Chapters have no jurisdiction over such petitioners other than for the collection of dues until the new Chapter is constituted; and so long as such Chapter is working under dispensation, such petitioners can neither vote nor hold office in their several Chapters."

The Grand Treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of \$1,513.89.

A resolution was adopted authorizing a reprint of the proceedings from 1851 to 1859, inclusive.

The special committee to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address relative to visitations, reported as follows :—

"The undersigned, to whom was referred so much of the Address of the Grand High Priest as relates to the visitation of subordinate Chapters, respectfully report that, in our judgment, the power of visitation is one of the prerogatives of the Grand High Priest, and we respectfully recommend that he exercise that prerogative liberally, according to his own discretion, and that he do not hesitate to arrest or suspend the charter of any Chapter which he may find is failing, for any reason, to promote the welfare of the Order."

The aggregate membership of one hundred and thirty-nine Chapters making returns is reported at 8,746.

The Report on Correspondence is again from the genial pen of Comp. THOMAS J. MELISH, and is unusually complete and interesting, he having had the good fortune to secure the proceedings of forty-one Grand Chapters, including those of the General Grand Chapter and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. California for 1880 receives kindly notice. He notes the decisions of Comp. SPARLING without comment, from which we infer that he approves them. He speaks in terms of praise of our report for that year, for which he has our thanks. He says we do not perfectly apprehend their way of dealing with members suspended for non-payment of dues, and explains as follows :—

"If a brother does not pay his dues he is declared suspended by the presiding officer; if he does not pay them within a reasonable time he is cited to trial for un-Masonic conduct for non-payment of dues. If he does not appear, or give satisfaction, he may be expelled at the pleasure of the Chapter."

What will Comps. DADMON, DRUMMOND, *et al.* say to this? The radical policy of California towards non-payers of dues has been severely animadverted upon in some quarters; but we have not yet gone so far as to make non payment of dues a capital offense. With us the offender has always the power in his own hands of placing himself in good standing by compliance with the law, that is, by paying his dues; but when once expelled, the aid of Grand Chapter, together with that of the Chapter which expelled him, must be invoked in order to restore him to his Masonic rights and privileges. We have no sympathy with those who, being able, neglect or refuse to pay their dues; but we think the offense is hardly heinous enough to merit the extreme penalty of the law.

In noticing the consolidation of the Council and Chapter degrees in South Carolina, he perpetrates the following humorous epitaph:—

"Thus died the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina. Shall we call it a case of *felo de se*, or of *havi kari*? It is un-Masonic to give funeral honors to suicides, otherwise we should erect a monument with this inscription:—

HIC JACET CORPUS MAGNI CONCILII R. & S. MAGISTROBUM  
IN CIVITATE CAROLINÆ SEPTENTRIONALIS,  
VITA BREVIS—MORS MISERABILIS.  
*Requiescat in Pace.*  
1850-1880.

In conclusion, Comp. MELISH says:—

"The question of consolidation of Chapter and Council has been very variously treated in different jurisdictions. Several Grand Chapters and Councils have become consolidated, or rather the Grand Councils have committed *havi kari*, by dying for the good of the cause, as they supposed, while the Grand Chapters minister upon their effects. But other jurisdictions, among them notably Ohio, New York, and Maine, have not only voted with great unanimity to continue the Council organization as a separate institution, but to enlarge, strengthen, and consolidate it by the formation of a General Grand Council, corresponding to the General Grand Chapter. At the date of this writing every Grand Council which has held its annual convocation has voted to form such a body. Seven have thus ratified it, and only two more are needed to give life and permanence to the contemplated organization. We may therefore expect that hereafter this national body will be among the Masonic powers of the continent, and Cryptic Masonry will be strengthened and perpetuated.

"The aggregate number of Royal Arch Masons in the United States has continued to decline; but the hard times have passed away, commercial prosperity reigns everywhere, and this department of Masonry may expect soon to grow to at least the proportions it had before the panic of 1873. There is light all around the horizon, and the *Sons of Light* may lift up their heads and hail the sun rising."

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Toledo on the third Wednesday in September, A. D. 1881.

#### OREGON.

This Grand Chapter held its twentieth Annual Convocation in the City of Portland on the eleventh day of June, 1880; the M. E. J. B. CONGLE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. R. P. EARBART being Grand Secretary. Fifteen subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is, for this jurisdiction, of unusual length; occupying four pages of the proceedings. He reports the Order to be in a healthy condition; more work has been done during the past year than usual. The work has been well done, the material of good quality, and the financial condition of the Grand Chapter is good. He announced with regret that two of the Grand Officers, viz.: the Deputy Grand High Priest and Past Grand Scribe, had been suspended, the first definitely, and the latter indefinitely, by the Symbolic Lodges of which they were members, and in accordance with a standing resolution he declared those offices vacant. He had been appealed to during the year by companions to discipline others for violation of Masonic duties, but, doubting his authority to do so, he had refrained from inflicting any punishment. In this connection he says:—

"It is generally understood by Royal Arch Masons that the Grand High Priest has the same powers as the Grand Master in Symbolic Masonry—but I hold this to mistake for the following reason:

"The office of Grand Master preceded the Grand Lodge, and the Grand Master possesses prerogatives that the Grand Lodge did not, and could not, deprive him of.

"But it is different with the Grand High Priest, because he is the creature of the Grand Chapter, and did not exist until created by the Grand Chapter, consequently all the authority he has is derived from it, and we have no law in our Grand Constitution giving him the power to suspend, no matter what the offense.

"I would recommend that this Convocation add a section to the Grand Constitution, giving the Grand High Priest powers similar to a Grand Master in Symbolic Masonry—being well satisfied that if the Grand High Priest should be clothed with such authority it would be a benefit to the craft, in cases requiring prompt action."

This recommendation was referred to a special committee of three, which committee presented a majority and minority report. That of the majority is signed by Comps. BINGER HERMAN, and Grand Secretary EARHART, and is as follows:—

"The majority of your committee fully believing that constitutional provision should be made, investing the Grand High Priest with the authority suggested in his address, would recommend the adoption of the following amendment to the constitution:

"Add an additional section to the Constitution as follows:

"SECTION 55. The Grand High Priest shall, in all cases of urgent necessity, discipline any Royal Arch Mason in the jurisdiction for all unmasonic conduct, but not longer than the next Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter, and he shall have the power to suspend any High Priest, or to revoke a charter, for the repeated failure and refusal to enforce the Masonic law."

The minority report was submitted by Comp. T. McF. PATTON, the able Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, whose Masonic ideas, enlarged by long service in that department, would not permit him to concur in a report which recommended the investment of the Grand High Priest with absolute powers, and make him the sole arbiter and judge of a companion's offense against the laws. The following is Comp. PATTON's report:

"The minority of your committee to whom was referred that portion of the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, wherein he recommends the adoption of a constitutional amendment, giving the Grand High Priest the power to suspend, from the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry, for unmasonic conduct, would respectfully report, that the minority dissents from the proposed amendment to the Constitution, submitted by the majority, for the following reasons:

"First. That the power given to the Grand High Priest by this proposed amendment, exceeds even the power and prerogative of Grand Masters, who existed before Constitutions were formed—that the most liberal construction of a Grand Master's prerogative would not justify the exercise of the power of suspension, except as to officers of the Grand and subordinate Lodges, and then only from the functions of their respective offices.

"Second. Because it is in direct violation of the well established principle in Masonic jurisprudence, that every Mason is amenable to the Lodge or Chapter under whose jurisdiction he resides, and where the offense was committed, whether a member of the same or not.

"Third. Because it is in direct conflict with the well established law recognized by our own Constitution, that all accusations or charges of unmasonic conduct shall be reduced to writing, and the accused furnished with a copy of the same, and who is entitled to a fair and impartial trial, without unnecessary delay.

"For these and many other reasons which could be assigned, the minority of your committee would recommend that the proposed amendment, as submitted, be not adopted.

"The minority would cheerfully acquiesce in, and cordially recommend for adoption, an amendment giving the Grand High Priest ample authority to suspend any High Priest from the functions of his office, or to arrest the charter of any Chapter neglecting or refusing to enforce discipline for unmasonic conduct, and for this purpose would submit the following amendment as a substitute for that submitted by Comp. HERMAN:—

"SECTION 55. The Grand High Priest shall, in all cases, have the power to suspend from the official functions of his office, any officer of the Grand or subordinate Chapters, for gross unmasonic conduct, and to arrest the charter of any Chapter which neglects or refuses to enforce Masonic discipline for unmasonic conduct."

A report so completely in accordance with Masonic law and usage, one would suppose would have carried conviction to the minds of any Masonic Body of ordinary intelligence. But such was not the case in this instance. Strange as it may seem,

the majority report was adopted. We do not hesitate to characterize this as the most unprecedented and high-handed piece of Masonic legislation which has ever come under our observation. It confers upon the Grand High Priest more power than Grand Masters of Symbolic Lodges ever had, or claimed to have. It places him at once in the position of judge and executioner, and he condemns without appeal or benefit of clergy.

We think we can discover the cause of the existence of this *African* in the Oregon Masonic wood-pile, in the following standing resolution:—

"2. *Resolved*. That the habit of using profane language, and that of intemperance in the use of strong drink, or *engaging in the keeping of saloons, and retailing alcoholic liquors*, or of indulging in the practice of gambling, by Royal Arch Masons, is in violation of the regulations of Royal Arch Masonry, and discreditable to the craft; and, also, that it is a proper subject for Masonic discipline."

The keeping of a "saloon" is made a Masonic misdemeanor. He who deals in liquid damnation by the barrel is a respectable man, and worthy of all Masonic confidence; but he who dispenses it in smaller quantities is unworthy of regard and, if a Mason, is obnoxious to discipline. Out upon such invidious distinctions. If rum selling is a Masonic offense in one instance, it is in another, and the wholesale dealer is equally guilty with the retailer, if not more so. We are not surprised that a Grand Chapter which would make such a distinction, should adopt a report like that of the majority of the committee.

The Grand High Priest also recommended—

"That standing resolution No. 7 be amended, so as to read: That being suspended by a symbolic Lodge for any cause, operates in like manner in the Chapter, and it shall be the duty of the High Priest of such Chapter to cause proper entries to be made on the Chapter records, and that a companion having been suspended by a symbolic Lodge and reinstated by said Lodge *shall not* be reinstated in the Chapter by less than a two-thirds vote of all the members present."

He gave the following reasons for making this recommendation:—

"Our law provides how a companion may get out of the Chapter, but does not say how he may get back. It has been our custom to take back into the Chapter suspended Masons, when they were reinstated by the Symbolic Lodge, without action on the part of the Chapter. But this custom has been all wrong. It is true that Symbolic Masonry is the foundation of Masonry, but it does not follow that Symbolic Masons shall say who we Royal Arch Masons shall admit into our Chapters, and it is conceded by all Masons that a suspended Mason is no more to Masonry than a profane, hence a suspended Royal Arch Mason cannot get back into his Chapter without the action of his Chapter."

In accordance with this recommendation, the following amendment to the constitution was adopted:—

"No member of a Chapter who has been suspended in a Symbolic Lodge shall be reinstated in a Chapter, unless upon a two-thirds vote of all members present of such Chapter, and in the manner provided for reinstatement and restoration in Chapters."

In California the practice is, that when a companion has been suspended in his Lodge for non-payment of dues, and has been reinstated, said reinstatement restores him to all his rights and privileges in the Chapter. And this, we think, is the correct rule. The companion has transgressed no law of the Chapter, nor has he been suspended by its action. He is simply excluded because it is impossible, in accordance with our obligations, that we should hold Masonic intercourse with a suspended Mason. Therefore when the cause of his exclusion has been removed, he should at once be received in full fellowship without action by the Chapter.

The concluding portion of the Grand High Priest's Address we give entire. We find in it much food for thought and serious consideration:—

"Companions, I am now about to surrender to you the authority you so kindly invested me with two years ago, and again a year since, which authority I have used to the best of my ability. It is between thirty and forty years since I first knocked at the door of Masonry, and it was opened unto me, and I have advanced step by step to my present position. How well I have filled the various positions in which I

have been placed is not for me to say, further than that if I have made mistakes, they were errors of judgment rather than intentional.

"Companions, in looking over my long Masonic life, I cannot refrain from saying that I have witnessed many changes, not in the principles of Masonry, but the way it is carried out at the present time. To the young Mason in the present progressive age it may seem like advancement, but to all old fogies like myself there are serious doubts as to whether there is any improvement or not in the administration of Masonry.

"I well remember when the many sacred ties that bind us together were carried out in spirit as well as letter; when the principles and tenets of Masonry were taught and acted upon as a reality, and not as a semblance of a thing long since past; when the ties of brotherhood were not merely theoretical, but to be carried into practice in our daily walk through life. Are all these solemn ceremonies through which we have passed a mass of unmeaning rites? Are we to throw aside the cardinal virtues of temperance, fortitude, prudence, and justice, and walk as though we had not known the light?

"Do we watch over each other as brethren, admonishing the erring, and both by act and counsel help each other bear the burdens of the day? Are we alive to the principles of Masonry and our solemn engagements, watching our conduct in both public and private life, remembering that the day of reckoning will come, and we shall hereafter reap the rewards of faithful or unfaithful craftsmen, as awarded by the Supreme Judge of all?

"Companions, let us take up our Masonic work anew, and strive to put our noble Craft on higher moral grounds in all the affairs of life, having a true conception of the things within the veil, to us now partly known, and to be more fully revealed hereafter; for as Royal Arch Masons we are bound to obey the whole moral law, and should companions violate their engagements to the Chapter, or with each other, they should be remonstrated with in kindness, and, at last, if found unworthy, should be utterly thrust out from among us as unworthy men and Masons.

"We seem to lose sight of the nature of our Order, having more regard to its external appearance, and hence the desire to have fine Lodge-rooms, furniture, and regalia, with its consequent attendants, high rents and large dues. Money matters press, members are stricken from the rolls, and the interest of the Chapter or Lodge subsides.

"I remember when Masonry was for the mutual benefit and relief of its members, which was its original object; now it seems more for show than for mutual help in the great and glorious work of rebuilding our spiritual temple.

"Companions, I did not intend to enter into any discussion of these matters, but refer to them with a desire to call the attention of the companions to the greater and higher objects of Masonry."

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$134.01. We advise him to place that one cent in the treasury of the Mark Lodge where it may be useful, and thus free his balance from so insignificant a fraction. The Grand Secretary reports that there are no liabilities against the Grand Chapter, and the excess of income over expenditures is \$367.25.

The work in the Royal Arch degree was exemplified by the Grand Lecturer in the evening.

The Committee on Grievances reported that peace and harmony prevailed throughout the jurisdiction.

Resolutions were adopted favoring the union of the Council and Chapter degrees.

We come now to the *piece de resistance*, the Report on Correspondence, by Comp. T. McF. PATTON, one hundred and twenty-three pages. We sit down to the feast with a good appetite, knowing that the viands will be "cooked to a turn," and served with all the skill and grace of an accomplished chef. Thirty-two dishes are placed before us, and there would have been more if he could have obtained them. He first serves us with a *re-hash* of all the prominent subjects discussed in the various jurisdictions, highly spiced and very palatable. We stick our fork into the following savory morsel:—

"The custom of 'dropping from the roll,' for non-payment of dues, is still tolerated in some jurisdictions. The recent action of the Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania and California, amend the Tyler's obligation in this respect, is what we long have needed, and we commend the companions of these jurisdictions for the good acts which they have performed. The practice of 'dropping from the roll' was designed and intended at first, and is used at the present day, as a quiet punishment for an



offense which they say is *not* an offense—a kind of harmless procedure that puts a brother or companion in a kind of quarantine, restricted as to his privileges, without being afflicted with any contagious disease; a kind of patent or proprietary medicine, known to be a fraud when invented and compounded, and which, like a great majority of other proprietary tinctures, teas, powders, pills, syrups, bitters, cordials, lozenges, plasters, salves, liniments, tonics, anodynes, ointments, pastes, drops, waters, essences, or other infernal concoctions, is productive of more evil than good."

Our attention is now called to a "promiscuous bouquet, selected, arranged, and presented merely for ornament." This consists of the complimentary notices bestowed upon him by the reporters of other jurisdictions, labeled *Heliotrope*, from Kentucky; *Forget-me-Not*, from Minnesota; *Columbine*, from Canada, etc., etc. The *Sunflower* from California does not appear among the collection, although we are certain that we picked one of goodly proportions, which we duly forwarded, but which may have withered on the way.

California, for 1879, is dished up in a pleasant and attractive style. He quotes from the decisions of Comp. BROWN as follows:—

"He decides that there is no power vested in the Grand High Priest to grant dispensation to re-ballot on the application of a rejected candidate; that it is wholly within the province of the Chapter in which the rejection was had. In this connection he makes the following suggestions, in order to secure the rights of all, and to secure harmony:—

"First. That notice in writing be given in stated meeting that the petition of the rejected applicant would be presented at the next regular meeting of the Chapter.

"Second. Upon the reading of such notice, the High Priest shall direct the Secretary to notify each and every member of the Chapter of such intended application, and request his presence to vote upon the consideration of the same.

"Third. At such subsequent meeting, on a motion formally made to re-submit the petition, if the vote be *unanimous* in favor thereof, the petition can be again received and referred, the same as if no previous action had been taken."

Upon these decisions he makes the following comments:—

"The first and second suggestions are in accordance with our views, but the third, we think, is in direct conflict with two of his decisions immediately preceding, viz.:—

"First. That the ballot is strictly secret and inviolable, and no Mason can be required to divulge his vote or his reasons therefor.

"Second. That in questions in a Chapter, except elections of officers, voting for candidates for the degrees, or for membership, shall be decided *viva voce*, or by a show of hands."

"Therefore the recommendation to re-submit to the Chapter, as contained in the third proposition, requires a *unanimous* vote by a show of hands or *viva voce*, consequently the objecting companion would be compelled to openly object by his negative vote, or practice deceit and vote affirmatively, permit the petition to again be referred in order to avail himself of his right to a strictly secret ballot."

We think we can show Comp. PATTON that there is no conflict in the foregoing decisions. In the first place, in order that a petition for a re-ballot upon the petition of a rejected candidate may be entertained by the Chapter, the petitioner or petitioners must show reasonable grounds for a belief that a mistake or misunderstanding has occurred. This may be done without in any manner violating the sanctity of the ballot. If the petition is entertained, at the subsequent meeting when the motion is made to resubmit the petition, the vote is taken by ballot, because it is in effect voting for a candidate for the degrees. Then, if the ballot is clear, the petition is resubmitted. Thus the rights of all are protected, and the way is opened whereby a mistake may be corrected, or an injustice to a worthy candidate be remedied.

With reference to the Pennsylvania Resolutions he says:—

"We notice with pleasure that action was taken barring the privilege of Masons visiting and exercising their rights who have been 'suspended' or 'dropped from the rolls' for non-payment of dues. Their resolutions are similar to those adopted

by Pennsylvania, elsewhere quoted. The record says the vote was *unanimous*, and so it should be upon all questions of this character."

He further says :—

"The financial question in this jurisdiction is one of interest. California is considered the land of gold, and in days past and gone everything was conducted on the most liberal scale. Somehow our companions manage to keep up their former reputation, and we can account for it on no other ground than that they require all *who are able* to pay or quit."

Such is our practice, Companion PATTON; and it is because we are all workers, and tolerate no drones, that we are enabled to keep up our old-time liberality.

Of our Report he says :—

"It becomes necessary for us to welcome a 'new hand at the bellows' in this jurisdiction. Companion THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, Grand Secretary, prepares the report, and sandwiches it right in among the proceedings, as the report of a standing committee. Of late years we have become indifferent as to the exact position which such a document shall have in the printed proceedings; we are content even if we find it in the appendix.

"The position assumed by Companion CASWELL is correct. It is a report of a standing committee, and is as much entitled to appear in regular order as the report of the committee on finance, or returns of subordinate Chapters."

We are not exactly a "new hand at the bellows," albeit we have done but little *blowing* for some years past. The earlier records of our Grand Chapter will show that the reporter's quill is *no new instrument* in our hands.

Again he says :—

"It seems very singular that we cannot make Masonic connection at least once a year with California. Oregon was not reviewed, for the simple reason there was nothing to review. We have a daily mail, and an ocean steamer every five days, and yet with all these facilities the proceedings of Oregon failed to reach the table of Grand Secretary CASWELL in time for dissection, prior to April. We can only growl, and pass on to note what he says and thinks of others' acts."

We think with Comp. PATTON, that with the mail facilities existing between us and our adjoining State, it is indeed singular that there should be any difficulty in making the connection: yet it is frequently the case that our proceedings, although regularly mailed, mysteriously go astray, and the same is true of the other end of the route. Why this is so, we confess ourselves unable to determine.

In his review of Georgia, he deals the following sharp hit upon their resolution to discontinue the Report on Correspondence upon the ground of economy :—

"There it goes again! When hard times pinch, and money is scarce, and economy is necessary, we always commence curtailing expenses in the church—in our contributions for charitable purposes—in denying our wives the necessary pin money—but forget to retrench in our tobacco, cigars, and a thousand other frivolous expenses. A Grand Chapter that can afford to pay \$1,227.40 for 'mileage and per diem,' and can't afford to pay one or two hundred dollars for a Report on Correspondence, must be in a needy condition."

We concur.

Under the head of Minnesota he quotes the following :—

"We practice upon the proposition that it is no crime to be poor; that we have no right to inquire into a companion's finances; that after notification, if there is no appearance or excuse given, we conclude that he does not desire to retain membership, and his name is struck off from the roll of membership, because the Chapters, many of them, cannot afford to pay Grand Chapter dues for those from whom they receive nothing."

Upon which he says :—

"It would be well to stop a moment and note the reasons assigned for striking from the roll. 'Because the Chapters cannot afford to pay Grand Chapter dues for those from whom they receive nothing.' No crime to be poor—no right to enquire into the condition of their finances—and yet, when they don't 'put up' any longer, they simply 'drop them' as they would a bad egg. Now if our good companion would kindly tell us where the Masonic Fraternity finds law or authority in any standard work on Masonic law and jurisprudence, justifying this practice, we would like

to have him present his brief. Companion PIERSON, with a few others we could mention, continually parade the old argument, 'that poverty should not bar Masonic privileges.' We have never in all our experience heard of a single correspondent who claimed or argued that it should. They have invariably qualified every declaration with a proviso, *if able*. We challenge our worthy companion to name a single instance in any jurisdiction from Maine to Oregon, or Halifax to Texas, that ever 'dropped' or suspended a brother or companion because of his poverty. This poverty dodge is worn threadbare, and we regret to see accusations made which cannot be sustained.'

Much more we would gladly quote from this model report, but we can afford no more space, and must bid Comp. PATTON a reluctant adieu until next year.

There are sixteen subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 520.

The *M. E.* DAVID P. MASON was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* R. P. EABHART was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Portland on the first Friday preceding the second Monday of June, A. D. 1881.

#### PENNSYLVANIA.

The usual Quarterly Communications of this Grand Chapter were held at the stated periods, but little business of general interest was transacted thereat.

At the Quarterly Communication held September 2d, 1880, the death of *M. E.* Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER, Past Grand High Priest, was announced. Comp. CHAS. E. MEYER read a memorial of the deceased companion, in which the following language is used:—

"From the depths of the grave we are taught the bitterest lessons of life. The young rush impetuously forward into it and teach us its briefness; the middle aged walk proudly to its edge and are swallowed up in all the pomp and vanity of life; the old man totters slowly and cautiously to the brink and calmly lays himself down to rest at peace with God and man. Happy the man who can lay him down without regret, and sleep and moulder to dust.

"Standing in the presence of death with reverence we recite the story of the life of the departed, of how he lived, if his life was worth the living? has he left behind him a good name which is rather to be chosen than great riches.

"We have heard to-night that a Past Grand High Priest of Pennsylvania was dead. *M. E.* Comp. JOSEPH R. CHANDLER died in this city on Saturday, July 10, 1880, aged eighty-eight years. Personally, he was known to but few of the present members of this Grand Chapter; yet, by name, he was known the whole Masonic world over.

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"For reasons which is not necessary now to state, he, for a number of years past, has not met with us within the tyled Lodge; yet it is with gratification we know his thoughts were often with us, and that, at the time of his death, he was the oldest member and Past Master of *Phoenix Lodge*, No. 130, the oldest Past Grand Master of the Grand Lodge of F. and A. M. of Pennsylvania, the oldest Past Master of *Columbia Mark Lodge*, No. 91, the oldest Past High Priest of *Harmony Chapter*, and the oldest Past Grand High Priest of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania, holding his membership and being in good standing in all these bodies at the time the Grand High Priest above summoned him hence to his presence."

At the last Quarterly Communication, held on the second day of December, 1880, the Grand Officers were elected. Comp. HIBBERT P. JOHN was elected Grand High Priest and Comp. CHAS. E. MEYER was elected Grand Secretary; Comp. JOHN THOMSON, who for many years past had served the Grand Chapter in that capacity, declining a re-election. By this change, Pennsylvania loses a first-class Chairman of the Committee on Correspondence, and his successor must be a brilliant writer if he does not suffer by comparison.

The Annual Communication was held in the City of Philadelphia on the twenty-seventh day of December, 1880, the *M. E.* WILLIAM C. HAMILTON, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN THOMSON being Grand Secretary.

Only nineteen subordinate Chapters, out of one hundred and three, are reported to have been represented, while at the Quarterly Communication of December 2d, sixty-two sent representatives. This would seem to imply that much greater interest

is taken in the Quarterly, than in the Annual Communications; and this is to be accounted for from the fact that nearly all the legislation, election of officers, etc., occurs at the Quarterlies, leaving little but the installation of Grand Officers and the addresses of Grand High Priests to interest the companions in the Annual Convocations.

The Grand High Priest in his address says:—

"I have marked, with pleasure, the infusion of new zeal in the working power of the Royal Arch Fraternity; there is a perceptible increase of Masonic knowledge, and a healthful disposition to be in accord with our ancient usages, customs, and landmarks. These gratifying results, I feel assured, must produce an abounding harvest of those noble qualities which should be distinguishing features of our Fraternity, and which are so essential to its well being."

On the secrecy of the ballot he holds forth as follows:—

"The following question was propounded to me, requiring my decision: 'In balloting for a candidate, has any companion a right to reveal how he votes?' It seems scarcely necessary to remind you that the secrecy of the ballot must be absolute and inviolable, and that it lies at the very foundation of our harmony and prosperity. It was evidently intended by those who instituted it, to promote harmony, for among the old regulations I find the following: 'In order to preserve harmony, it was thought necessary to use counters and a balloting box, when occasion required.' This occasion I deem to be balloting for candidates.

"We must accord equal rights to all: if one has a right to reveal how he votes all have the same privilege. If a brother who votes a white ball has a right to reveal his ballot, so also has he who votes a black ball. To permit a violation of the secrecy of the ballot by either, would be the entering of the wedge of discord, and a destructive blow at one of the fundamental principles of Masonry. The question, therefore, is answered in the negative."

He thus denounces the undue solicitation of candidates:—

"On several occasions, during my term of office, I have been compelled to issue edicts, compelling Chapters to refrain from conferring the degrees upon applicants who had not 'passed the Chair.' Brethren desiring advancement have been induced to sign petitions to various Chapters, stating they had 'passed the Chair,' when such was not really the case: the object, no doubt, being to save a few days in their advancement. Such a practice is not only a violation of the rules, edicts, and regulations of the Grand Chapter, but is also clearly in contravention of the plainest Masonic principles, which require truth in all of their professions. The Brother who would be persuaded to sign such a petition is unworthy of being entrusted with the mysteries of the Royal Art; and the companion who would tempt him so to act, on the plea that it is only a matter of form, is unfit to retain the title of companion, and is worthy to receive the severest condemnation."

He pays the following tribute to the memory of the venerable Past Grand High Priest JOSEPH R. CHANDLER:—

"I feel that I cannot close my remarks without paying a slight tribute to the memory of one who graced the halls of Masonry with a life of usefulness, but who, during the past year, was called from this earthly sphere to enjoy the fruits of a well-spent life. I refer to P. G. High Priest JOS. R. CHANDLER. Yet while we are moved by feelings of fraternal sorrow, we experience a genuine pleasure in the recollection of his active and self-denying life. He leaves a record for work worthy the imitation of all. In the most trying period of our history he stood firm to the great principles of Masonry. When tested by the severest ordeals, his loyalty remained unimpeachable; nothing could induce him to divulge its secrets, or impugn its sanctity.

"During the days of the anti-Masonic movement, he made his influence to be cogently felt, and when our enemies had combined in their endeavors to crush the fabric, he proved its most invincible defender. He demonstrated his love for the institution by his constant attention to the duties of his Lodge and Chapter, and by a life-long devotion to their glorious teachings. He lived true to the principles of Masonry, and that he might die within the mystic circle (being a member of the Catholic Club,) he went to Rome and obtained a special indulgence. Let his memory, therefore, be enshrined in our hearts with love and veneration, and may we never regard his life, so full of usefulness, without admiration. Let us imitate his example in laboring, as he did, for the welfare of Masonry, and let our lives abound with the same manly principles, and be characterized by the same dignified and courteous graces, that we may merit the same respect he enjoyed while living, and which renders his name illustrious and venerated now that he is dead."

The new Grand Officers were duly installed, after which the new Grand High Priest delivered an impressive Address to the Grand Chapter, in which he urges upon the companions the importance of making the Quarterly Communications more impressive by an increased attendance, "and a more thoughtful consideration of the interests involved."

The Report on Correspondence is from the able pen of Comp. CHARLES E. MEYER, and with it closes his connection for the present with the reportorial corps. We part with him regretfully, but congratulate the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania upon their good fortune in obtaining the services of so competent a Grand Secretary.

Upon the subject of the resolutions of 1879, he says:—

"The action taken by the Grand Chapter in February, 1879, with reference to the status of 'suspended in the Blue Lodge' Royal Arch Masons, has met the cordial approval of all the Grand Bodies with which we are in correspondence, save one or two. One of the Grand Chapters—California—has adopted, word for word, these resolutions, and others have declared in as strong terms the same views as we have expressed."

The following shows Comp. MEYER's estimate of the action of the General Grand Chapter relative to the Council degrees. The italics are ours:—

"The subject of the merging of the Council degrees with the Chapters has received its *death-blow* from the General Grand Chapter, under whom most of these Grand Chapters are in *allegiance*."

Respectfully referred to the Nebraska delegation.

The proceedings of thirty-six Grand Chapters were reviewed, also those of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and the General Grand Chapter of the United States. His review of California, for 1880, is brief but kindly. He quotes approvingly from the address of M. E. Comp. SPAULDING upon the courtesy due to visitors, and upon the "gross error" of profanity, and says they are "true to the letter."

Under the head of Canada, with reference to the doctrine advocated by Comp. ROBERTSON that "the standing of a Mason at home governs his standing abroad," he says:—

"To which we reply, that while such may be the custom in Canada, it is not universal. A Mason, no matter from whence he hails, is subject to the laws, be they good or bad, light or oppressive, fraternal or unfraternal, of the Grand Body within whose jurisdiction he may at the time be."

Those are our sentiments, more fully expressed under the heads of Canada and Maine.

Under the head of Connecticut, he quotes the following from the report of Comp. BARLOW:—

"We think that when the Grand Council, having the lawful authority over the degrees, voluntarily surrenders them to the Chapter, to be conferred in a lawful Council, in and by authority of said Chapter, 'they are not clandestine.' 'We oppose the union' for reasons given in former reports, not that they are conferred by unlawful authority."

To which Comp. MEYER replies—and if he had read our report he could have scarcely echoed our opinions more completely:—

"A Grand Council is but an integral part of the Cryptic system, and has no more right to vote away its authority over the Council degrees than has your Grand Chapter the right to surrender its control over the Capitular degrees to Grand Lodges of Free and Accepted Masons. The latter has a much more plausible claim than the former can ever have, for Grand Lodges originally were the possessors of the Royal Arch degree, but having surrendered all control over the same more than one hundred years ago, it is not within the power of man to bring it back to what it was without an annulling of all the obligations which bind us to one another."

Again, under the head of District of Columbia, he quotes from Comp. LARNER, who, in reviewing Comp. MEYER's last report, says:—

"We dissent from the views here expressed by Comp. MEYER, and ask him to give us his authority for calling the Council degrees *higher degrees*. Where and

when were they ever termed higher degrees? They originally belonged to the Chapter, were worked in the body of the Chapter, same as the Master Mason's degree, and are now, properly speaking, a part and parcel of the Chapter degrees, and are necessary to make them complete; whereas the Red Cross and Templar Orders have no connection with the Chapter degrees, and are not essential in any manner to shed light on those degrees. If the Grand Chapter of Texas has not the right to legislate on this subject, and direct what degrees shall be conferred by its subordinates, pray tell us who has?"

Comp. MEYER replies as follows:—

"To which *we must dissent*. Ancient Masonry consisted of four degrees—Entered Apprentice, Fellow Craft, Master Mason, and the Holy Royal Arch, which was known as the summit and perfection of Ancient Craft Masonry. Latterly the Mark and Most Excellent have been added to the Capitular Degrees, and are made the fourth and sixth degrees, and these, with the official degree of Past Master or Installed Master, constitute what is known as the American system.

"The General Grand Chapter of the United States, the source from which the Grand Chapter of the District of Columbia derives its existence, says that the Royal Arch system, to be practiced by all Grand and subordinate Chapters under its existence, shall consist of *only* the Mark, Past Master, Most Excellent Master and Royal Arch Degrees. It has declared years ago, and again reiterated its declaration then made, that the Cryptic or Council Degrees never had a shadow of claim to be considered a part of the Capitular system of this country, and, therefore, they are known world wide as the *higher degrees*, being ranked by those who manufactured them as the eighth and ninth degrees of the American Rite. They ought to have known what they were doing. It is all nonsense to speak of the legends of these degrees being a part of those of the Royal Arch Degree. The same might be said of the Red Cross of the Templar system, which contains more true information to a Royal Arch Mason than does either of the Council Degrees.

"We say this in all seriousness, that neither the Grand Chapter of Texas, or District of Columbia, or Delaware, or any other Grand Chapter, having in view the obligations which made them what they profess to be—Royal Arch Masons—can honorably or conscientiously have anything at all to do with these degrees being worked in the Chapters."

If Comp. LARNER attempts to confute this argument, we predict that he will get *Myled* in the slough of his own sophistry.

Companion MEYER is no admirer of the General Grand Chapter, as witness the following:—

"'Exercising no doubtful powers, or powers by implication merely,' this Grand Body assembles once every three years, the last meeting having been held in Detroit, Michigan, August 24, 1880. Its Constitution says 'it has no power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instructions over Grand Chapters.' It meets for a social good time, being of no other earthly use to itself or others. It is supported by a tax of one cent per annum for each member of the Chapters acknowledging allegiance to it. It is well known that Pennsylvania never had any connection with it whatever, directly or indirectly; yet work done under its Warrants is recognized by us. Its warmest advocates agree that it is useless, but pleasant."

Loyal as we are to the General Grand Chapter, we can but acknowledge that there are just grounds for the criticism.

The following, coming as it does from one who owes no allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, bears with it the weight of conviction:—

"The Grand Chapter of Texas once belonged to the General Grand Chapter, but a few years ago seceded; efforts are now being made to force her back again. We must say, that Masonically, Texas cannot support the position she has assumed. She is under the allegiance of the General Grand Chapter, say what you will. Every Royal Arch Mason there, save those made within a few years, has taken the oath of fealty."

We concur.

The Committee on Finance report a cash balance in the Treasury of \$1,205.03, and investments to the amount of \$20,000.

Of the one hundred and three subordinate Chapters, eighty-nine return a membership of one thousand four hundred and sixty-four, and the estimated membership of the other fourteen is one hundred and fifty-one, making a total membership of

one thousand six hundred and fifteen. Not so many by one thousand two hundred and eight as California has, with only fifty-five Chapters.

HIBBERT P. JOHN, *M. E.*, Grand High Priest; CHAS. E. MEYER, *R. E.*, Grand Secretary; ANDREW ZANE, JR., Chairman Committee on Correspondence.

#### QUEBEC.

The Grand Chapter of Quebec held its fourth Annual Convocation in the City of Montreal on the twenty-first day of September, 1860; the *M. E.* J. H. GRAHAM, Grand Z., presiding, the *R. E.* ANOUS GRANT being Grand Scribe E. Nine chartered Chapters, and one under dispensation, were represented at the opening.

The Grand Z., in his address, reports that "peace, unity and harmony have continued to prevail throughout our jurisdiction; that an increased zeal has been manifested, and that an encouraging degree of well-grounded prosperity has been enjoyed."

Dispensations had been granted for the formation of two new Chapters, and two defunct Chapters had been resuscitated. Relations with sister Grand Bodies were harmonious and satisfactory. The Grand Chapter of Ireland had given them fraternal recognition, which was a source of great satisfaction. Representatives had been exchanged with seven Grand Chapters of the United States during the year.

The Grand Z. recommends that district meetings be held as often as possible; that Grand Superintendents make it part of their duty to see that each Chapter in their district has a book of marks properly and correctly kept, and that each Chapter has a seal; that it be made a regulation of the Grand Chapter that the Annual Proceedings be read in each subordinate Chapter and preserved; that all valuable books and papers in possession of subordinate Chapters, or their members, be carefully kept and preserved, and, if deemed advisable, be sent to the Grand Scribe E. for that purpose; that the property of subordinate Chapters be insured from loss by fire; that the Committee on Additions to the Constitution be continued, for the better settlement of the questions placed in their charge as such may arise; and that, to secure uniformity in the work, a Committee on Ritual be appointed.

He sees no good and sufficient reasons why Royal Arch Masons should not appear with Craft Masons in other public processions than on funeral occasions. Neither do we, and it is the custom in our jurisdiction for Royal Arch Masons to form part of all processions where Craft Masons appear. He had held a fraternal correspondence with the *M. E.* Grand High Priest of Vermont, relative to certain violations of jurisdictional rights by the border Chapters of either jurisdiction, and prompt measures had been taken to remedy the evil.

In accordance with a resolution of the Grand Chapter requesting him to use his efforts to bring about a satisfactory adjustment of the differences existing between the Grand Lodge of Quebec and that of "North Britain," he had diligently sought to aid in attaining that object; and he was not without hopes that some satisfactory progress had been made; but, as the negotiations are still incomplete, he did not deem it advisable to submit the correspondence upon the subject to the Grand Chapter at present.

A very good Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. ARTHUR F. SIMPSON, in which the transactions of twenty-eight Grand Chapters are reviewed. California for 1860 receives fraternal notice. He quotes at length and approvingly from the Address of Comp. SPAULDING, which, he says, was "exceedingly able, and earnest in its tone of advice to his companions."

Comp. SIMPSON makes no criticisms, and does not favor us with his views upon any of the subjects discussed by the various reporters. "Youth and modesty," he says, "are our foremost reasons." We forgive his modesty for this once, and as he has been reappointed, we beg leave to assure him that experience will soon teach him that modesty and Masonic Reporters are incompatible factors.

There are nine Chartered Chapters and two under dispensation, in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of three hundred and eighty-nine.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance on hand of \$480.07.

The *M. E.* ISAAC HENRY STEARNS was elected Grand Z., and the *R. E.* ANGUS GRANT was re-elected Grand Scribe E.

The time and place of the next Annual Convocation are not given.

#### SOUTH CAROLINA.

The Grand Chapter of South Carolina assembled in Annual Convocation in the city of Charleston, on the tenth day of February, 1880,—the *M. E.* W. G. DE SAUSURE, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* J. E. BURKE being Grand Secretary. Twenty-three subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Address of the Grand High Priest, for the historical information it contains, is a valuable Masonic paper and will doubtless be read with interest by every seeker after light. His official acts were confined to the granting of a few special dispensations; no questions were submitted for his decision, and no grievance had arisen which required settlement.

The Angel of Death had mercifully passed by his own jurisdiction, for which he returns devout thanks to the Divine Ruler, and he pays an eloquent tribute to the memory of Comps. CORSON, of New Jersey, MCCLELLAN, of Massachusetts, and WHEELER, of Tennessee.

His opening remarks are as follows:—

“Companions: When the Convocation of this Grand Chapter was closed a year ago, the hope was indulged that ere the re-assemblage, the rising of the Morning Star would be seen, and a report could be made of the promise of a brighter day. I am sorry to be unable, as yet, to bear you these good tidings. Not only in this jurisdiction, but in nearly every other of this our broad land, Capitular Masonry still languishes. Within a few months past there has been an active revival in the business pursuits of the United States. The whirl of machinery is being more continuously heard, and a hum is arising from all branches of industry. Masonry is closely interwoven with the condition of the communities. Masonry is brotherhood in its broad signification, and must be depressed or buoyant, as the communities in which it exists are affected. When prosperity comes there is reasonable ground for hope that we shall share in it.”

The proposition to unite the Cryptic degrees with those of the Chapter brought forth the following interesting items of history. In this connection the Grand High Priest says:—

“I submit for your consideration the accompanying circular from the Grand Council of Royal and Select Masters of South Carolina, relative to the surrender to this Grand Chapter of the Cryptic degrees. The full report made at the last Convocation by the companions charged with the consideration of this subject, has brought to your attention the action had, from time to time, in relation to the union of the Cryptic degrees to Capitular Masonry. The same companions will report at this Convocation the plan by which it is proposed that such union shall be accomplished in this jurisdiction. Comp. W. H. D. GAILLARD has called my attention to Section 8, Chapter 19, of the Constitution of this Grand Chapter, and to effectuate the union it will be necessary that such section should be amended.

“The Cryptic degrees appear to have been first known in the United States, and their history is thus given by Comp. ALBERT G. MACKAY, who drew his information from a report made to this Grand Chapter in 1829. He says of them:—

1. “The degrees of Royal and Select Master were originally introduced by an Inspector-General of the Ancient and Accepted Rite in the year 1783, and placed by him under the control of the Grand Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, which was organized in the same year in the city of Charleston.

2. “That they were first conferred in the city of Charleston, by the Grand Council of the Princes of Jerusalem, as side degrees or detached degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite.

3. “That they were afterwards disseminated over the whole country by agents of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, who granted charters for the establishment of Councils of Royal and Select Masters.

4. “That in almost all the States these subordinate Councils united to form Grand Councils, who afterwards exercised the rights appertaining to such bodies, the



prerogatives of the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite being gradually and silently ignored and dispensed with.

"To such historical account may properly be added that in 1870 the Supreme Council of the Ancient and Accepted Rite voluntarily withdrew its jurisdiction over these degrees, reserving only the right to confer them within unoccupied territory.

"The first Council established in South Carolina was *Adoniram* Council, No. 1, at Charleston, in 1850, and the Grand Council was organized in February, 1860; so that as an independent organization, Cryptic Masonry in South Carolina is of comparatively recent date.

"To one familiar with the degrees of the Ancient and Accepted Rite, it can readily be understood how these side or detached degrees served as a complement to another degree of such rite; and so it can also be well understood by one versed in Capitular and Cryptic Masonry, how Cryptic Masonry is a proper complement to the Capitular degree.

"In this connection, it cannot but be interesting to briefly consider the history of Capitular Masonry. It will be remembered that in 1733, there occurred in England a schism, which led to the formation of two Grand Lodges, one of which was designated as the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons, and generally called Ancient York Masons. Of the merits of the controversy it is not necessary to consider; it suffices to say, that on the union in 1813 of the two rival Grand Lodges in England, one of the articles declared 'that pure Ancient Masonry consists of three degrees and no more, viz., those of the Entered Apprentice, the Fellow Craft, and the Master Mason, including the Supreme Order of the Holy Royal Arch.' Lodges had been chartered in America by both of these Grand Lodges, and in those constituted by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons, the Royal Arch Degree was conferred. This degree appears to have been one of the distinguishing marks between the two organizations. In South Carolina, the Degree of the Royal Arch was conferred by Lodges holding their warrants under the Ancient Masons, certainly as early as 1796, as appears from the minutes of *St. Andrew's* Lodge, No. 10, and *Orange* Lodge, No. 14. In 1797, committees from certain Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, which appear to have been constituted either by the Grand Lodge of Ancient Masons, or by the Grand Lodge of Scotland, met in Boston, Massachusetts, and proceeded to organize the Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Northern States of America, which body in 1806 became the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America. It will be thus seen that Capitular Masonry, as an independent organization, is also of comparatively modern date in the United States. The earliest independent Chapter organized in this State was *Unity* Chapter, at Beaufort, to which a charter was granted by the General Grand Chapter of the United States in 1806. The second was *Carolina* Chapter, constituted about 1807, and the third was *Union* Chapter, warranted 20th April, 1811. Delegates from these three Chapters met in Charleston on 13th March, 1812; and on 29th May, 1812, the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of South Carolina was organized, and Companion WILLIAM YOUNG, of No. 3, was elected and installed as *M. E. Grand High Priest*.

"From these brief sketches it will be seen that Capitular and Cryptic Masonry in South Carolina was of nearly contemporaneous origin, and for a time ran side by side, not as independent organizations, but as adjuncts of others. And you will scarcely think me rash, therefore, in expressing the opinion that there is no organic law which would prevent the union of these degrees. You, my companions, in your deliberations upon this matter, will be actuated only by an earnest desire for the good of Capitular Masonry, and will realize that what I have ventured to say, is more for the sake of information to aid your deliberations, than from any desire to influence your action."

The finances of this Grand Chapter appear to be in a very unsatisfactory condition; the balance in the treasury being but \$5.34, while the outstanding liabilities were sufficient to make a total deficiency of \$421.46. In view of this state of affairs, the Committee on Finance recommended that the Report on Correspondence be not printed; also, that the subordinate Chapters raise their dues to one dollar per member; both which recommendations were adopted.

The consolidation of the Council and Chapter degrees was consummated, and—

"Comps. W. H. D. GAILLARD, F. F. GARY, and J. E. BREAZEALE, the highest officers of the Grand Council, were announced, and made a formal tender of the Council degrees, reading the following resolution of the Grand Council:—

"'CHARLESTON, S. C., February 11th, 1880.

"Resolved, That 'he three highest officers of this Grand Council call on the Grand Chapter of South Carolina and cede to that Grand Body the power to henceforth confer the Cryptic degrees in the subordinate Chapters, in conformity with the resolutions and conditions passed in this Grand Council to-day; and should the

Most Excellent Grand Chapter of South Carolina accept the proffered gift, then this Grand Council shall cease to exist as a Grand Body."

"They were then saluted with the Private Grand Honors of Royal Arch Masonry, and Grand High Priest DESAUSSE, on behalf of the Grand Chapter, accepted the charge tendered in fitting terms."

The aggregate membership of twenty-two Chapters making returns is 654. The Chapter numbers reach 44, so that just one-half the number are either dead or dormant.

The return of financial prosperity caused by the awakening in commercial and manufacturing interests, will doubtless have a beneficial effect upon Masonic interests as well. We exhort our South Carolina companions to take courage—

"The morning light is breaking,  
The darkness disappears."

The M. E. F. F. GARY was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. J. E. BURKE was re-elected Grand Secretary.

#### TENNESSEE.

This Grand Chapter held its fifty-second Annual Convocation in the city of Nashville on the eleventh day of November, 1880,—the M. E. JOE H. BULLOCK, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. JOHN FRIZZELL being Grand Secretary. Fifty-three of the ninety-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, renders devout thanks to the Great I Am that the pestilence which for two years past had visited that State, and robbed them of many prominent and beloved companions, had been averted, and that so many of them were permitted to assemble around their altar in health. He announces the death of two companions, Past Grand Scribes of the Grand Chapter—Compe. JOHN B. MORRIS and A. H. RHODES—and mourning pages were inscribed to their memory. He had granted one dispensation for the formation of a new Chapter.

Of the Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, he says:—

"Thirty Grand Chapters were represented. The membership altogether, including representatives, officers, and permanent members, was the largest ever before assembled in General Grand Chapter. The Convocation was harmonious and pleasant. The universal opinion was that more was accomplished and a better spirit prevailed than at any former Convocation."

The charter of one Chapter was arrested, its condition being "hopeless." He says:—

"The very liberal course heretofore pursued by this Grand Chapter toward delinquent Chapters having been productive of but little, if any, good, I would recommend that the charters of such Chapters as are two or more years in arrears be declared forfeited, unless said Chapters shall, within ninety days after receiving notice of this action, pay their arrearages, except such special cases as may be compromised at this Convocation."

The recommendation was adopted upon a favorable report by the Committee on Jurisprudence.

Relative to the condition of the Order he says:—

"This is a subject that demands our serious consideration. During the last few years several of our Chapters have forfeited their charters. Others that still exist are in a languishing condition, while very few are live, working bodies. A number of causes have operated to bring about this result.

"1. The multiplicity of new orders that have sprung up within the last few years.

"2. The railroad manner in which degrees are conferred, and the consequent ignorance of the work and lectures resulting therefrom.

"3. The pernicious practice of keeping one man, however good and zealous he may be, continually in office as High Priest, so that no one else learns the work.

"To my mind the only remedy is a thorough system of instruction. The question to be considered is, how can this be accomplished? The appointment of a Grand Lecturer, as recommended by Comp. WRIGHT in his report to me, which will be read to the Grand Chapter, I would heartily endorse, if the financial condition of the

Grand Chapter would warrant. Our financial condition as a Grand Chapter is such that I cannot make such a recommendation.

"I would suggest that the Grand High Priest be authorized to appoint at least one companion in each Congressional District whose duty it shall be to visit and instruct such Chapters in his District as may desire instruction, without expense to the Grand Chapter.

"To you, my companions, one and all, Representatives and Presiding Officers of subordinate Chapters, let me say that if Capitular Masonry is languishing, we, as the presiding officers, are, in a large measure, responsible. Let us resolve that in the future we will be more zealous, that we will impart light and knowledge to our less informed brethren, to the end that Capitular Masonry may be an active, working agency for good throughout our jurisdiction.

"In this connection I would recommend that Article V of our By-Laws be so amended as to reduce the fees for dispensations for forming new Chapters to forty dollars. This reduction will enable companions who were members of Chapters that forfeited their charters, to obtain dispensations and form new Chapters, and thus advance the interest of Capitular Masonry."

The last recommendation was referred to the Committee on "Ways and Means," who reported, fixing the fee for a dispensation to form a new Chapter at fifteen dollars, and for a charter, twenty-five dollars; which report was adopted.

The following unique case was reported by the Committee on Appeals, and the report was adopted:—

"Your Committee on Appeals have had under consideration the case of Comp. J. M. BENHAM against *Clifton* Chapter, 59, being an appeal on the part of said companion from a sentence of expulsion upon the following charges:—

1. "Whereas Companion J. M. BENHAM has persistently refused to attend the meetings of the Chapter when legally notified to do so, thereby violating his obligation as a Mason, and showing contempt for the Chapter.

3. "In refusing to allow companions and their families to be interred upon his premises in a public burying ground, which has been used as such for about forty or fifty years, where their dearest and nearest relations are therein deposited, in which he shows a want of Masonic principle, and indeed of common humanity."

"And after carefully inspecting the record, we report:—

1. "That the first charge is insufficient, in that it fails to show that said companion failed to answer a legal summons duly served upon him, or to show sufficient reason why he did not so answer the same. But even if this charge were sufficiently stated, the proof does not warrant the finding of the Chapter, and we therefore recommend a reversal of the same.

2. "As to the third specification, we do not think any Masonic offense is charged; and even if one were charged, we do not think the proof warrants the finding of the Chapter, and we recommend a reversal thereof; and we further recommend that the complaints be dismissed and the companion discharged.

"Your committee would add that a great deal of the evidence in this case is foreign to the issues, and incompetent."

The refusal of the accused to attend the meetings of his Chapter was bad enough, but when he showed himself so far destitute of "Masonic principle" and even of "common humanity" as to refuse to allow his premises to be turned into a graveyard, we think he ought to be anathema.

The "Committee on Accounts" report a balance in the treasury of \$1,479.59.

The charters of two Chapters were declared forfeited for failure to make returns and pay dues.

There is no Report on Correspondence.

The ninety-two Chapters of this jurisdiction have a total membership of 2975.

The M. E. GIDEON R. GROYNNE was elected Grand High Priest and the R. E. JOHN FRIZZELL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Communication will be held in the city of Nashville, immediately after the close of the M. W. Grand Lodge, which meets on the thirty-first day of January, A. D. 1882.

#### TEXAS.

The thirtieth Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the City of Houston on the eleventh day of December, 1879; the M. E. G. M. McWHIRTER, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ROBERT BREWSTER being Grand Secretary. Sixty-five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest's Address treats principally of local affairs. His official duties had been of a "pleasant rather than of an onerous character, and nothing calculated to produce confusion among the workmen, or that called for discipline," had been brought to his notice. He had granted two dispensations for the formation of new Chapters, and two Chapters had surrendered their charters.

Six Chapters, having forfeited their charters by reason of failure to meet for three consecutive Stated Communications, were granted permission to continue work until the present Annual Convocation.

He announced the following decisions:—

"Is an officer of a Chapter entitled to a dimit during the time for which he was elected or appointed, and installed?"

*Answer*—A general rule he is not. An officer elected by a Chapter cannot resign his office or dimit from his Chapter during his term of office, and until recently the same rule applied to all officers. The term of office does not cease until a successor is installed, but in one instance it was held that an appointed officer having served the full time for which he was appointed, say one year, and the Chapter failing to hold an election at the proper time, thereby causing the old officers to hold over, was allowed to resign and a dimit granted him. I do not know of any instance in which a dimit has been allowed before the expiration of the Masonic year for which the appointment was made.

"Is the election of a member who has not held any office previously to the office of High Priest of a Chapter legal?"

*Answer*—It is. In Capitular Masonry no routine of office is necessary to qualify the presiding officer for his station.

"The Constitution fixes the time to elect officers at the stated meeting in June, the By-Laws at the stated meeting in September, which law prevails?"

*Answer*—The Constitution. When the By-Laws are in conflict with the Constitution the latter prevails, and the By-Laws are of no force.

"A Mark Master Mason received the degree in Pennsylvania and removed to Texas, since which time he has lost, by accident, three fingers from his left hand, one being severed between the second and third joints, the other two between the first and second joints. Does this render him ineligible to the Royal Arch and appendant Degrees?"

*Answer*—The old rule upon this subject has been modified, more or less, in most of the jurisdictions in the United States, the different Grand Chapters having reviewed it. So far I have been unable to find a precedent in the rulings of any of my predecessors, and am therefore forced to seek other sources for light. I am of opinion that Comp. ENGLISH, P. G. G. High Priest, has arrived at the most sensible and charitable conclusion. After reviewing the whole field he announces the rule to be 'that the disability must be of such character as to deprive the candidate of the power to literally comply with all the requirements of the Degrees.' In adopting this as the rule, and applying it to the case in question, I must not forget that in this jurisdiction the Council Degrees are appendant to the Royal Arch, and that while we elect to the Degrees of the one we also elect to the other, and thus I am forced to the conclusion that in this particular case the candidate could not literally comply with all the requisitions of the Degrees, and that he ought not to be received.

"Is a Master Mason in all other respects worthy and qualified, but who has been deprived of an eye, eligible to the Royal Arch and appendant Degrees?"

*Answer*—The loss of an eye (the other being good) would not deprive the candidate of the power to comply with all the requirements of the Degrees, and therefore, in my judgment, would not disqualify him for the Royal Arch."

We concur in all these decisions, except the first. We cannot subscribe to the doctrine that a companion who consents to take office in a Chapter loses any of his Masonic rights thereby. It is conceded in nearly all the jurisdictions of the United States (although contested by a few) that any companion, whose dues are paid, and against whom no charges are pending, may withdraw at pleasure. It is true that an officer, upon his installation, promises to discharge his duties during his term of office, to the best of his ability; but, suppose that from any cause he is rendered unable to perform the duties appertaining to his office? It is held by some authorities that an installed officer has no right to resign during his term of office. If we concede this, of course it follows that he has no right to dimit; but we contend that there are circumstances under which any officer of a Chapter has a right to resign his office and dimit. Suppose the High Priest of a Chapter, immedi-

ately after his installation, is called by business affairs to reside permanently abroad. Must he forego his business relations, to his personal loss and detriment, in order that he may remain and fulfill his promise to the Chapter?

We are taught upon the very first round of the Masonic ladder that Masonry is not to interfere with our usual avocations, and the interests of a Chapter should not be jeopardized because the avocations of its High Priest compel him to absent himself from its meetings; but he should be allowed to resign in order that a successor may be elected who will be able to perform the duties incumbent upon him, and to dimitt if he desires, that he may affiliate with some Chapter near his future residence. Suppose an officer, after his installation, by some accident becomes permanently crippled, so that he is unable to attend the meetings of his Chapter forever after; must he retain his office, and his place remain unfilled when he is rendered powerless to discharge its duties? It may be answered that his place may be temporarily filled until the expiration of his term. But why should it be filled temporarily by one who is under no obligation to discharge its duties, and who may or may not perform them, when by allowing the disqualified officer to resign, and a successor to be elected, a competent and faithful officer may be obtained?

With as much propriety might it be asserted that an officer has no right to die during his term of office, as that he has no right to resign or dimitt; or that the Chapter has no right to prefer charges against him, and suspend or expel him for unmasonic conduct. The one idea is equally as absurd as the other, and both are contrary to the dictates of common sense and reason.

The Grand High Priest stated that since his arrival in Houston, the Grand Secretary had handed him a letter from *M. E. JOHN FRIZZELL*, General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, on the subject of their relations with that Body, and he asked that it receive that careful and courteous consideration which it, and the subject of which it treated, required.

We do our companions of Texas the justice to believe that no disrespect to the General Grand High Priest was intended, yet we are surprised to find that the communication from the head of the Order in the United States was not considered of sufficient importance to be published with their proceedings. We are left in the dark as to its contents, and only know that it related to the attitude of Texas toward the General Grand Body.

The committee to whom the subject was referred, reported as follows:—

"Your Committee have considered the remarks in reference to the communication of *M. E. JOHN FRIZZELL*, *G. G. H. P.* of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The action had by this Grand Chapter at its last Convocation was adopted with singular unanimity, after the subject had been proposed at a previous meeting and laid over for one year. We do not think the re-opening of the question would result in any good to the Order, or change the decision arrived at one year ago. The *M. E.* Companion has certainly misconstrued the sentiments of the Royal Craft in Texas, if he interprets their action at the last Convocation as hostile to fraternal relations towards our companions in other States in the Union, or a disposition to isolate ourselves from them. We refer to our proceedings for near a fifth of a century to show him that our relations have been ever friendly and fraternal. At the same time we are not disposed to acknowledge that our action nineteen years ago was unwarranted by Masonic law, and that we have since been acting contrary to Masonic usage. We appreciate the kindly feelings expressed by the *M. E.* Companion, and regret that he was unable to meet with us and receive personal assurances of the *spirit* and sentiments of the members of this Grand Chapter."

Which report was unanimously adopted.

Comp. DRUMMOND, in his Report on Correspondence to the Grand Chapter of Maine, in answer to some remarks by Comp. ELGIN, of Texas, upon this subject, says:—

"He copies our remarks last year in reply to the report of the committee on the relations between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter, and we are surprised to find a 'touchy' tone in his comments.

"We are much more surprised to find that he speaks of our remarks as a 'bitter

argument.' We have read them again very carefully, and we fail to discover any trace of bitterness in what we wrote, and we *know* there was none in the *spirit* in which we wrote. It was our sole endeavor to argue the question upon the law and the facts, and thus convince our Texas companions of their error; and had we felt any disposition to be 'bitter,' we have had too much experience in endeavoring to persuade others, to be betrayed into the impolicy of being so. There was one point in the report of the committee which somewhat roused our indignation, and we submit to Comp. ELOIN if it was not righteous. The Committee, in effect, charge the General Grand Chapter, in its action in relation to Texas, with an utter disregard of Masonic Law, *when it suited its own purposes*. This is equivalent to imputing gross un-Masonic conduct, *not* to the intangible Body, but to the members of which it was composed."

Comp. OGDEN, of New York, is far more emphatic in expressing his opinion, and uses some rather strong language, which is not capable of being misunderstood. He says:—

"The simple truth is, that all the labored effort to justify the action of the Grand Chapter of Texas is simple pettifoggery, and cannot be sustained by logic or reason. They gave up the old Lone Star authority, returned it to the Grand Lodge from whence it came, and have never regained it, or tried to; nor, could they regain it if they wanted it. Thus disbanded, the Royal Arch Masons, by authority of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, organized a Grand Chapter, and under its charter and authority. One article of the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Texas reads:—

"Art. I. This Grand Chapter is subordinate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States."

"No amount of words, no spattering or spreading of ink, can destroy this plain and simple record. With what grace, then, can Texas now come to befoul her own mother? She has no life or vitality only as she received it from the General Grand Body, and she will never come to full prosperity until she comes up to the command of the decalogue, 'Honor thy father and thy mother, that thy days may be long in the land which the Lord thy God giveth thee.'"

Our own opinion is, that enough has been said to Texas upon this question, and that we should allow her to take her own course, as a wayward child, until experience has taught her repentance, and, like the prodigal, she returns voluntarily to her respected progenitor.

The Grand Treasurer reports a balance in the treasury of \$515.05.

Charters were granted to two Chapters under dispensation, their work having "passed the test of the Master Overseer's square."

The Grand Visitors made elaborate reports of their labors in their respective districts. But little work had been done, owing to the financial depression which pervaded every department of business, yet the Chapters are reported to be "doing as well as could be expected."

Comp. W. F. SWAIN, Grand Visitor of the Western District, in his report, calls attention to an evil which will be understood and appreciated in other jurisdictions than Texas. He says:—

"There is one evil too prevalent among our Chapters, to which I wish once more to call attention—an evil which, to my mind, contributes more to the forfeiture of charters and demise of Chapters than all other causes combined: It is the election of an officer out of compliment to the individual, without reference to his zeal and intelligence in the work."

"How many Past High Priests are there who accomplished nothing during their term of office but to secure their title who would now be ashamed to present themselves at the outer door of a Chapter room for examination? Let those Chapters answer which have been afflicted for one year with such maladministration, and which are now dying of chronic apathy."

The forfeited charters of three subordinates were restored upon the payment of all arrearages of dues to the Grand Chapter.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That an election to receive the degrees can be set aside by a motion or protest of any objecting companion, at any time previous to receiving any or all the degrees, and, unless withdrawn, has the same effect as a black ball. Any contributing member of a Chapter in this State can make such objection, and the notice need not be in writing."

All right, except the last clause, which contemplates the laying of more *foreign eggs* in the home nest.

The Report of the Committee on Grievances contains the following singular case. We hope there are not many such Masons in Texas, or elsewhere, as this Captain of the Host, who insisted upon the expulsion of a companion who was too poor to pay his dues. He would figure to greater advantage as the Captain of a chaingang:—

*“Brenham Chapter No. 5, vs. W. H. McAtister.”*

“The accused in this case is charged with unmasonic conduct, for failing to pay dues.

“The accused having been suspended for failure to pay dues prior to the trial, submitted a statement in writing, by proxy, in which he plead financial embarrassment, and threw himself upon the mercy of the Chapter. The Chapter refused to expel the companion, and the Captain of the Host appealed from its action.

“Your committee find the proceedings were regular, and believe that the Chapter was the best judge of the companion's condition, as stated by him, which, if true, shows that the Chapter exhibited true Ma-onic charity. We think the action of the Chapter should be sustained, and recommend the adoption of the following resolution:—

“*Resolved*, That the action of *Brenham Chapter, No. 5*, refusing to expel Comp. W. H. McAtister, be sustained, and the appeal be dismissed.”

All the revenues of the Grand Chapter, except sufficient to pay its current expenses, were appropriated towards paying the indebtedness upon the Masonic Temple.

Among the edicts and standing resolutions of the Grand Chapter, are some which sound strangely to California ears.

Resolution No. 6 is an excellent one, and reads as follows:—

“*Resolved*, That whereas, profane swearing, gambling, and the intemperate use of intoxicating drinks are, by the 5th Article of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of Texas, Section 25th, declared unmasonic; therefore all Chapters subordinate to this Grand Chapter are hereby positively instructed not to confer the Chapter Degrees upon any person addicted to either of these vices, he or they being unfit material for the Royal Arch Chapter, whose corner-stone is *Morality*, as taught by the Holy Bible, that great light in Masonry.

“10—All Royal Arch Masons entitled to vote. ‘*Resolved*, That all Royal Arch Masons, who are members of Chapters under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter, have a right to vote in ballots for degrees in any Chapter subordinate to this Grand Chapter.’ Adopted June, A. D. 1873.”

In view of the argument used by our Texas companions, that all Royal Arch Masons are equally interested in the quality of the material used in the construction of the Temple, why restrict the privilege of voting, to members of Chapters in that jurisdiction? If the election of a candidate is a matter affecting the welfare of the whole fraternity, the visitor from Egypt or Shanghai is as much entitled to vote as the visitor from a Chapter in that jurisdiction.

“11—Nine B. B's necessary to elect. ‘*Resolved*, That no Chapter under the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter shall elect a candidate for the Degrees, or for membership, unless there be nine balls cast on such application.’ Adopted June 25, A. D. 1855.”

Is this a misprint, or are we to infer that nine black balls will elect a candidate in Texas?

“12—Effect of one or more B. B's. ‘*Resolved*, That one black ball cast against a candidate for Chapter Degrees shall render him ineligible for one year, and two or more black balls, two years.’ Adopted June 23, A. D. 1853.”

We think the ratio should have been continued; that three black balls should have proved a stopper for three years, and that three score and ten should have been accounted a settler for life.

An interesting and well prepared Report on Correspondence was presented by Comp. ROBERT M. ELGIN, in which the transactions of thirty-six Grand Chapters are courteously reviewed, and also those of the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. Under the head of Alabama, Comp. ELGIN expresses our views precisely in the following:—

“The committee ‘appointed to investigate and report on a plan of endowment, or beneficiary scheme, amounting to \$1,000, to be paid to the heirs of all Royal Arch

Masons who participate therein,' asked further time until the next Convocation to report upon the same. We hope that after investigation they will report adversely. We think Masonic bodies go outside of the proper sphere when they attempt to embark in life insurance or kindred schemes. It is better that such things be left to business men and business associations."

He is sound on the question of suspension for non-payment of dues. Under the same head he quotes the remarks of Comp. PILLANS upon that subject, as follows:—

"He misunderstood us that 'suspension for non-payment of dues is no suspension at all.' We think that it is not such a suspension as should deprive one of all Masonic rights, and our Grand Chapter so thinks. But our Grand Lodge having decided that it does, we have no alternative but in obeying the edict of the Grand Lodge, to cut off all Masonic intercourse with such as are laboring under it. What we say is, that to deprive a Mason of all his rights as such, a verdict of his peers is necessary; and we think the provision of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge, which absolutely suspends without trial any member of a Lodge on the statement of the Secretary, at a particular time, that he owes dues for two or more years, ought not to be, and is not the suspension contemplated in the O. B., which is far, far older than the assessment of dues."

To which Comp. ELGIN thus effectually responds:—

"We think, Comp. PILLANS, that the O. B. contemplates a *legal* suspension, and we know of no higher authority to judge of the legality of Masonic proceedings than the Grand Lodge. We may, individually, believe that a regulation is unjust; but yet, if not in contravention of the ancient landmarks, it is to be observed while in force. Though classed among the advocates of punishment for non-payment of dues, and the validity of regulations suspending therefor, we are as much opposed as Comp. PILLANS can be to the punishment of a Mason without due notice and an opportunity of defending himself."

California for 1879 receives fraternal notice at his hands. With reference to Comp. BROWN's approval of the Pennsylvania resolutions, he says:—

"He gives his unqualified approval of the action of the Grand Chapter of Pennsylvania in adopting a regulation requiring from all visitors from other jurisdictions a declaration that they do not stand expelled or suspended for any cause whatever, nor has their name been stricken from the roll for non-payment of dues in the Lodge, and a similar regulation was adopted in accordance with his recommendation. We may have something to say on this subject when we get to the proceedings of Pennsylvania. We cannot approve that action as unqualifiedly as Comp. BROWN. While we hold that a Chapter has no right to admit a visitor whose standing is not good in the jurisdiction from which he hails, it is equally true that it should not refuse one who is in good standing at home. Each jurisdiction is best able to construe its own laws, and sister States should, as far as practicable, reconcile their action in regard to visitors with their standing at home. We would not knowingly sit in a Chapter with a suspended Mason, whether suspended by Lodge or Chapter; but if Louisiana declares that its laws striking delinquents from the roll is not, and was never intended as *suspension* from Masonic rights, but only as affecting his membership in a particular Lodge, it would be contrary to reason and precedent for Texas to say that it effects his suspension."

We have fully discussed this question under the heads of Maine and Massachusetts, and we are pleased to find that there is at least one point upon which we cannot agree with Comp. ELGIN.

With reference to some comments of ours upon the address of Grand High Priest Comp. SWAIN, last year, he says:—

"Comp. CASWELL certainly misapprehends Comp. SWAIN's position. The latter may not have been as particular as he might have been in the choice of words. He probably meant that we are a different organization, instead of different order. In Texas we recognize to the fullest extent that a companion must be in good standing as a Master Mason to sit in a Chapter. No one has taken higher ground than this committee on this question. But a dimitted Mason is not necessarily in bad standing. In fact, he carries with him a certificate of good standing, commending him to the favor and protection of the fraternity wherever he may go. Yet, we do not pretend to dictate to other jurisdictions what they shall require of those living within it to maintain their good standing."

The paragraph in the Address to which we took exception is as follows:—

"Our organization is a voluntary one, and no one should be forced to retain mem-



bership with another *order*, however advisable it may be. Withdrawal from the Lodge, and remaining as a dimitted Mason, does not affect standing in the Chapter."

Comp. ELGIN's explanation, substituting the word *organization* for *order*, does not materially change the aspect of the case. We concede the fact that a dimitted Mason may not *necessarily* be in bad standing, but such cases are exceptional. Comp. ELGIN says: "We do not pretend to dictate to other jurisdictions what they shall require of those living within them to maintain their good standing." Right, companion; but surely you have some regard for the laws of your own jurisdiction, and the seventh Standing Resolution of the Grand Chapter of Texas reads as follows:—

7. "Non-affiliated Master Masons ineligible. 'Resolved, That the subordinate Chapters be prohibited from conferring the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry on any but affiliated Master Masons.' Adopted, June, A. D. 1860."

N. S. "Which being interpreted into *pure Texican*" means—you know what, Comp. ELGIN.

Under the head of Connecticut we find the following:—

"Now, there is not much room for dispute between us. Whatever may be the opinion of a citizen as to the policy or constitutionality of a law, it is his duty to respect it while in force. The same principle applies in Masonry. The most zealous advocate of suspension for non-payment of dues never regarded poverty as a crime. It is not for the poor that the law is intended, but for the careless, insubordinate, and contumacious, who either wilfully or negligently set the By-Laws at defiance, and leave their companions, who are probably less able, to bear the heat and burthen of the day."

Much more we might with propriety quote from this admirable report, but our limits are reached, and we must pass on to the next in waiting.

There are ninety-two chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, and two under dispensation, having an aggregate membership of 3,602. One hundred and sixty-five were exalted during the past year.

The M. E. Z. E. COOMBS was elected Grand High Priest, and the R. E. ROBERT BREWSTER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The thirty-first Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter was held in the city of Houston on the ninth day of December, 1880,—the M. E. Z. E. COOMBS, Grand High Priest, presiding, the R. E. ROBERT BREWSTER being Grand Secretary. Forty-one subordinate Chapters were represented at the opening, and several others were represented on the second day.

The Address of the Grand High Priest is very brief, and confined to a recital of his official acts. Four Chapters, chartered at the last Annual Convocation, had been constituted by himself or his proxies. He had appointed representatives near the Grand Chapters of Canada, Maryland, and Mississippi. Six subordinate Chapters had forfeited their charters by failure to meet for work for three consecutive months; but "good reasons being shown in each case to induce forbearance," he granted to each a dispensation authorizing it to continue work under its charter until the present Convocation. He had authorized the use of one substitute in conferring the Royal Arch degree, in eleven instances, in one of which the dispensation was returned.

He decided that a Chapter could not entertain a petition for the degrees without the usual fee accompanied the petition.

He announces the death of M. E. Comp. ED. CLARK, Past Grand High Priest, who had held many offices of trust and honor, both Masonic and civic, and who was Governor of Texas during the dark days of the Civil War.

He concludes his address by exhorting his companions to continue to work with fervency and zeal, "always remembering that 'whatsoever ye sow, that shall ye reap.'"

The Grand Treasurer, in making his report, called the attention of the Grand Chapter to the fact that the appropriations and expenses were largely in excess o

the receipts, and had reduced the balance in the treasury to \$182.05, and, he sententially adds, "further comment is unnecessary."

Upon the Report of the Committee on Petitions, several forfeited charters were restored, subject to the provision that all dues were paid. Two charters were granted to new Chapters, one being without the consent of the nearest Chapter.

The following case, reported by the Committee on Grievances, illustrates the old saying, "jumping out of the frying pan into the fire :"—

*"S. M. Tyson vs. Cedar Grove Chapter No. 108.*

"In this case the defendant was charged with renting rooms in a building owned by him to prostitutes, who kept therein a house of ill-fame.

"The testimony conclusively establishes the fact, and the Chapter, by a vote of six to two, found the defendant guilty of the offense, but when it came to assessing the punishment, the Chapter refused to expel by a vote of six to two. Then the vote was taken upon suspension, when the Chapter refused to suspend by a vote of four to four. The High Priest decided that a reprimand necessarily followed from the vote finding the defendant guilty, and from this Comp. Tyson appealed.

"The evidence in the record fully sustains the specifications, and we are at a loss to conceive what idea of good morals and decency may prevail in a Chapter which refuses to inflict adequate punishment on such an offense after finding the defendant guilty, and we only refrain from asking that the charter of the Chapter be arrested for the reason that only ten Royal Arch Masons were present out of a membership of thirty-six.

"We submit the following resolution :—

"Resolved, That S. M. Tyson, a member of *Emory Chapter, No. 111*, be and is hereby expelled from all the rights and privileges of Royal Arch Masonry."

If the committee had also expelled the "ten" who refused to assess the penalty, it would have been a righteous act.

The Committee on Jurisprudence, having been instructed to report as early as practicable, "the physical qualifications essential to the eligibility of candidates to the degrees of Royal Arch Masonry," presented the following report :—

"The Committee on Masonic Jurisprudence, to whom the resolution of inquiry in regard to the physical qualifications of candidates for the R. A. Degrees was referred, beg leave to report that it is an established rule in this Grand Chapter that where there is no edict or statute on such questions, the law of the Grand Lodge prevails and is decisive. It has always been held that the Masonry of the Blue Lodge and R. A. Chapters stand on the same basis, and whatever is required by the Lodge for initiation in the E. A. Degree, should be observed by the authority controlling Degrees in R. A. Masonry. The Grand Lodge of Texas requires a candidate should be without maim or defect of any kind. We believe that such is the rule in this Grand Chapter, and must be observed by all the Chapters in this jurisdiction."

In looking over the forms published by this Grand Chapter we find the following, which shows that Texas at least is in accord with our idea relative to dimits :—

FORM OF DIMIT.

\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, No.—  
This is to certify that companion\_\_\_\_\_ has paid all dues to this Chapter, and having applied for a certificate of dimit, withdraws in good standing.

In testimony whereof, I have, by order of the Chapter, affixed its seal,  
[SEAL] at\_\_\_\_, this\_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_, A. D. 18\_\_\_\_, A. I. 24\_\_\_\_.

\_\_\_\_ Secretary.

FORM OF A TRAVELING CERTIFICATE.

To all R. A. Masons to whom this may come,

We send Fraternal Salutation :

This is to certify that companion\_\_\_\_\_ is a Royal Arch Mason and a member of\_\_\_\_\_ Chapter, No.—, Royal Arch Masons, in good standing, and as such is recommended to the kind attention of Royal Arch Masons wherever he may sojourn.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Chapter, this\_\_\_\_day of\_\_\_\_, A. D.\_\_\_\_, A. I.\_\_\_\_.

[SEAL]

\_\_\_\_ Secretary.

The first of these documents a companion has the right to demand, provided his dues are paid and no charges are preferred against him; the latter can only be granted by a vote of the Chapter.

The Report on Correspondence, by Comp. ROBERT M. ELGIN, contains a review of the proceedings of thirty-one Grand Bodies, including the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales.

California finds no place in the report, which failure is accounted for by the following apology from the committee:—

"We are compelled to come up this time with an excuse and an imperfect and unfinished report. Circumstances, unnecessary to relate, prevented us from finishing the report before the meeting of the Grand Chapter. But it was still our intention to complete a review of all the Grand Chapters. But, before it is half finished, we are suddenly called off from the city when the Grand Secretary is ready to print his Proceedings, and we are compelled to leave with him so much as we have written, and beg such of our sister Grand Chapters as are left out to look over an omission entirely unintentional.

"We hope to pay fraternal respects to all during the next year, and not to wait until the last day."

Under the head of "Canada," he refers to the remarks of the Grand Z. relative to suspension for non-payment of dues, upon which he comments as follows:—

"While we have always advocated the correctness of the practice, or rather, the legality of the regulations, suspending for non-payment, we must say that there is nothing more repugnant to our feelings or to our ideas of justice than 'the indiscriminate slaughter of every companion who cannot meet the demands made upon him.' We hope for the honor of the Craft in Canada the Grand High Priest has overstated it. We cannot claim to have more charity than our Canadian companions. And yet we are certain that if a plea of poverty or inability to pay was presented in any Chapter in Texas, properly supported with evidence of its truth, the Lodge or Chapter would sustain it, and if it failed to do so the action would be reversed on appeal."

Right, Comp. ELGIN; and such, we believe, would be the action in every jurisdiction on this continent. The regulation is not made to oppress the poor, but to coerce the willful delinquent—the "bird who can sing and won't sing." Those who are willing, but unable to pay have only to make the fact known; and the Body who would suspend a brother or companion under such circumstances, is unworthy to be called Masonic.

Under the head of "General Grand Chapter," he quotes from the Address of the General Grand High Priest, the portion relative to Texas, and also recites the subsequent action of the General Grand Body, reports of committees, etc. We give his comments upon these reports and actions, simply remarking that we have nothing to add to, or take from what we have already said upon this question:—

He says: "The late hour at which these proceedings came to hand precludes us from making any extended comments, reminding Comp. FRIZZELL of a number of important historical omissions which he has made, and showing the fallacy of the conclusions to which the majority of the committee arrived.

"We are not surprised at the substance of Comp. FRIZZELL's address. It was foreshadowed in his letters to our Grand Chapter with sufficient plainness to destroy any persuasive effect his 'invitation' might otherwise have had. As long as the threats were disguised we did not see proper to notice them. He now throws off the disguise and shows the cloven foot.

"We do not know that there has ever been a time when Texas would have gone back. Not that there was any ill-feeling toward the General Grand Body, or toward our companions in the Northern jurisdictions, as some seem to think, but simply because they saw no necessity for such a Grand Body. We were getting along well. The Order was prosperous. Our relations with every other jurisdiction were pleasant and fraternal, and no one seemed to think or care for returning to the General Grand Chapter until the move was made by Comps. RICHARDSON and TUCKER in 1877. The matter was laid over for one year. It is possible that they might have carried their point had final action been had at or previous to that time. But on the heels of this initiatory step came the address of Comp. ENGLISH, General Grand High Priest. We stated in our report of that year (page 35) that it was unfortunate for the friends of the measure that Comp. ENGLISH brought up the subject in the manner in which he did, and at the next session of our Grand Chapter it was defeated by an almost unanimous vote. The action of Comp. FRIZZELL has now rendered it impossible for the Grand Chapter to renew the old relations. For it to do so with the threats that overhang it would be cowardly and disgraceful.

"We have heretofore stated the position of Texas and given the history of the formation of the Grand Chapter. The position assumed by the General Grand High Priest and the committee as to the theory of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter is not warranted by the instrument. The Second Section of the Constitution says that it is a 'confederation of Grand Chapters,' and can exercise no powers not consistent therewith; and that all powers not granted by the Constitution are reserved to the Grand and subordinate Chapters, and to the individual Masons. It says, further that it can exercise no doubtful powers, nor any powers by implication merely. Under what clause in the Constitution is it proposed to coerce us? Will some one give us the chapter and verse?"

"Again, the same section says: 'It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure or instruction over the Grand Chapters.' It appears to us, that if Texas is one of the Grand Chapters belonging to the confederation, *M. E.* Comp. FRIZZELL very grossly violates that clause in his address, for it not only contains 'censure' and 'admonition,' but recommends 'discipline.' We think he would do well to 'pluck out the mote,' etc.

"But they say our own Constitution recognized the authority, etc., of the General Grand Chapter. Granted; but it also provided for its amendment, and it has been amended.

"The General Grand Chapter does not, and has no right to give an organic law to a Grand Chapter. Each Grand Chapter makes its own organic law, and alters it at will, which is the highest exercise of sovereignty.

"They say every officer and member has obligated himself to support and maintain the General Grand Chapter. This is the main argument, if it deserves to be so called, that has been used by those who oppose us, and they hurl it at us on all occasions, either openly or covertly, charging us as being unfaithful and false. Every companion exalted in England, Canada, Virginia or Pennsylvania, we presume, is obligated to support the Grand Chapter under which he is made. But when he leaves that jurisdiction, and goes into another, his obligation changes, and attaches to the new. The obligation is the same in every Lodge, and yet we see new Grand Lodges formed wherever a new State is organized. Will the committee explain how it is that in one case it is 'irrevocable' and not so with the other?"

"But Texas did not of its own free will and accord dissolve its connection, though it certainly had the right to do so; but in the resolution declaring the separation, the fact is stated that the connection was dissolved 'by the separation of our State from the Government of the United States.' The fact stated in the resolution is denied by Comp. FRIZZELL, and by the committee. We say the resolution was true. It was very safe to deny it at Detroit, and was at the time of its adoption; but if Comp. FRIZZELL or the committee had been in Houston, Texas, at the date of the resolution, they would have realized that it was true; and to have denied it then and there might have cost them something. Politicians may theorize as much as they please, but Masons can only act on the facts as they exist. It is a fact that Texas did separate itself from the Union, and remained so for over four years. Aye, four long, long, years to the poor soldier who, badly clothed and ill fed, marched, counter-marched, and fought through sunshine and storm, in hot and in cold, with no covering but the starry-decked heavens or the dripping clouds. It was not until after the country was conquered that the State was again admitted into the Union, and not then, until after years of Congressional discussion, and various 'enabling' enactments.

"Four years of separate and hostile political government were more than enough to warrant the change in the relations of the Grand Chapter. And when peace was restored, and the State forced back into the Union, it became simply a question of policy as to its returning to the confederation of Grand Chapters. The friends of resumption have never attempted to show wherein the Order would be benefited by it; and until the companions of Texas can see it in the light of utility and good to the Craft, they will be slow in adopting a change. They are earnestly impressed with the correctness of their position; their conscience does not upbraid them with any falsehood to former obligations, and they are unwilling to admit that the thousands of Royal Arch Masons, perhaps a large majority of those now in the jurisdiction, are clandestine. They at least have never been bound by any obligation to the General Grand Chapter."

We have said our say, and are disposed to let the matter rest for the present.

There are eighty-three subordinate Chapters making returns, having a total membership of 3176. The highest number on the roll is 150, leaving a hiatus of 67.

The *M. E.* JOHN B. McMAHON was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* ROBERT BREWSTER was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Houston, on the eighth day of December, A. D. 1881.

## VERMONT.

The sixty-third Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Vermont was held in the city of Burlington on the eleventh day of June, 1880; the *M. E.* ALFRED A. HALL, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM H. S. WHITCOMB being Grand Secretary. Twenty-one of the twenty-five subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, announces the death of two Masonic veterans: Comp. ASA KEYES, who died at the age of ninety-three years, and who had seen sixty-three years of Masonic service, and Comp. CALVIN SQUIER, upon whose brow the snows of eighty-six winters had left their impress. Of Comp. KEYES, the Grand High Priest says:—

"Seated in his chair, in his own home, surrounded by those he loved, 'God tenderly touched his brow,' and quietly his noble spirit passed to the land of shadows."

'He sat as sets the morning star, which goes  
Not down behind the darkened west, nor hides  
Obscured amidst the tempests of the sky.  
But melts away into the light of heaven.'

The concluding remarks of the address are worthy of attention:—

"We congratulate ourselves that our Institution, in its steady growth and extension, has become in fact, as in tenet, universal; that it stands to-day upon a firmer basis than ever before. It is neither shaken by internal dissensions nor compelled to guard against assaults from without. Its membership, large and strong, is strengthening daily. But the world is carefully scrutinizing our acts and weighing our influence. It behooves us to keep in mind the fact that with increasing growth and power comes co-extensive duty. On either hand are objects of charity, of admonition, advice and sympathy. The burden of poverty may oft-times be lightened—the widow and orphan deserve solicitude and assistance—the erring brother, overcome by temptation, should receive gentle reproof and good counsel—the sorrowing and distressed, comfort and consolation. Our duties as citizens are plain, while to God should be given that humble reverence and heartfelt service due from the creature to the Creator."

"If we fail in the discharge of these duties, the verdict will justly be—'weighed and found wanting.'"

"If we meet them like men, and discharge them as Masons, the world shall bear witness to the good there is in Masonry, and our reward shall be the Divine benediction."

The question of admitting Past High Priests and Past Grand Treasurers to permanent membership in the Grand Chapter, was referred to a special committee, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The following from the report of the committee to whom was referred the Grand High Priest's Address, was adopted:—

"We are opposed to the merging of the Council Degrees, or any other degrees, with those of the Chapter, and would place on record the protest of this Grand Chapter against any such action by the General Grand Chapter as would sanction such a change in our present condition."

To the question, "Can an actual Past Master of a Lodge be taken into the Chapter, omitting the Past Master's degree?" the Grand High Priest answered "No."

Comp. EDWARD S. DANA presented his fourth Report on Correspondence, which is in nowise inferior to his former efforts, although we regret to learn that sickness and death in his family had interfered with its preparation. He reviews the transactions of thirty-four Grand Chapters, the proceedings of eight having failed to reach him. California for 1879 receives fraternal notice.

The twenty-five subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction have an aggregate membership of 1934, a gain of twenty-three during the year.

The Grand High Priest and Grand Secretary were re-elected.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Burlington, on the seventeenth day of June, A. D. 1881.

## VIRGINIA.

The seventy-third Annual Convocation of this venerable Grand Chapter was held in the city of Richmond on the tenth day of December, 1880,—the *M. E.* SAMUEL M. BOWMAN, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. ISAACS being Grand Secretary. Twenty-two subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest reports the Craft to be in a healthy condition, and that harmony prevails. His duties had been light, and he had not been called upon to decide any question of Masonic law. Several questions were submitted to him by one of the subordinate Chapters, but he referred them to the District Deputy Grand Lecturer of the district in which the Chapter is located, "as it is made his duty to expound Masonic law and usage."

He reports the death of *M. E.* Comp. LEWIS B. WILLIAMS, Past Grand High Priest, and of Comp. THOMAS ANGEL, Grand Steward. In this connection he says:—

"Thus, my companions, by the death of one who represented the head of our Order in this Grand Jurisdiction, and of another who held the humblest office, we are reminded of the universal dominion of Death. He spares neither the high nor the low in the fell sweep of his relentless sickle."

He pays the following handsome compliment to the Grand Secretary:—

"But in these my parting words to you, companions, I am prompted alike by my gratitude and my sense of justice, to give emphatic expression to the obligation I am under to our excellent Grand Secretary, not only for the faithful and efficient manner in which he has discharged the duties of his office, but also for the many personal kindnesses he has extended to me during my incumbency as your Grand High Priest. Truly, his eminent services have supplied my own lack, and Capitular Masonry, in Virginia, may well congratulate itself upon the possession of such an officer."

It is pleasant to observe that Grand High Priests do occasionally appreciate and recognize the services of Grand Secretaries. The Grand Chapter resolved itself into a Committee of the Whole, to consider such matters as were deemed of interest to the Order. Their proceedings were confined to local matters.

The Finance Committee report a balance in the treasury of \$198.68.

The following resolution was adopted:—

"Resolved, That upon the proposition of *Clinton* Chapter, No. 40, of Lewisburg, in West Virginia, looking to a change from the jurisdiction of this Grand Chapter to that of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, this Grand Chapter hereby assents to said proposed change, and that said Chapter, No. 40, be allowed to retain its charter and other property."

There is no Report on Correspondence, and we fail to find anything of general interest in the proceedings. How different from Virginia of the olden time. Her Reports on Correspondence were gems, and no one is more capable of writing an excellent one than Comp. ISAACS. If he only *would* come to the front once more, we should all rejoice.

There are thirty-three subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 1503. Twenty-five numbers are extinct.

The *M. E.* PEYTON S. COLKS was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* WILLIAM B. ISAACS was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Richmond, on the Thursday succeeding the second Monday in December, A. D. 1881.

## WEST VIRGINIA.

The pamphlet containing the proceedings of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia for the years 1879-80 was duly received.

The ninth Annual Convocation was held in the city of Wheeling, on the thirteenth day of November, 1879,—the *M. E.* JOHN W. GRANTHAM, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* ODELL S. LONG being Grand Secretary. Nine subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest, in his Address, gives a cheering view of the prospect in that jurisdiction. He says:—

"The year has been one long to be remembered for bountiful crops of all kinds; our granaries are full to repletion; no epidemic has affected our brethren in this jurisdiction; peace and prosperity prevail everywhere."

His official acts were few, and but one dispensation was granted for the formation of a new Chapter. He decided, in answer to a question, that a non-affiliated Mason was ineligible to the Chapter degrees. "An applicant for these degrees must be a Master Mason in good standing, and to be in good standing he must be a member of some Lodge." This decision was not opposed by the Grand Chapter. The Committee on Jurisprudence, in their report, which was adopted, say:—

"Your Committee on Jurisprudence respectfully report that they are not prepared to approve of the decision of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, to the effect that a non-affiliated Mason is not eligible to the Chapter degrees."

"While we believe that a Master Mason applying for the Chapter degrees should be a member of some Lodge, we do not think that the Grand Chapter would be justified in taking any action which would unfavorably affect the standing of a non-affiliated Mason in advance of the action of the Grand Lodge upon the subject."

"Until the Grand Lodge declares that a non-affiliated Mason is not in good standing, in the opinion of your committee a non-affiliated Mason is not, by reason of such non-affiliation, ineligible to the Chapter degrees."

This is in accordance with our ideas upon the question. A Master Mason may be in good standing, and yet not be a member of any Lodge. We again suggest that a distinction be made between those who are in good standing and those who are in good and full standing; the last signifying a Master Mason who is a member in good standing in a just and legally constituted Lodge.

The Grand High Priest is evidently in favor of his Grand Chapter becoming a constituent of the General Grand Chapter, and to this opinion he has been drawn by the arguments of the learned and eloquent veteran, Comp. ALBERT PIKE. He says:—

"In the month of September I attended at Byrne's Island, near Harper's Ferry, a Masonic Union, where I found representatives of the Order from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, and the District of Columbia to the number of two thousand, together with about six thousand citizens and strangers, but the great attraction was our esteemed Companion, General ALBERT PIKE, who delivered the finest Masonic address it has ever been my good fortune to listen to. This brother is possessed of a fund of Masonic information rarely, if ever, excelled. In his address he pointed out the whole duty of members of our mystic Order, and what Masonry would be if all did their duty. One point in his address particularly attracted my attention, viz.: the importance of all State Grand Chapters having a common head, or in other words being members of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. His arguments and reasonings were conclusive to my mind, and if the difficulties could be overcome without sacrificing too much, I think it would be greatly to the advantage of Royal Arch Masonry in this State if our Grand Chapter would become a member of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. Although more than seventy years have silvered the hair of our venerable Brother, he is still vigorous and healthy, and I trust he may be spared many years to propagate the beloved principles of our noble Order."

This portion of the address was referred to a special committee, to report at the next Annual Convocation.

The *M. E.* ARTHUR SINSEL was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* ODELL S. LONG was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The tenth annual Convocation was held in the city of Wheeling on the eighth day November, 1880, the Grand High Priest presiding, and all the Grand Officers save two were present. Eight subordinate Chapters were represented. The address of the Grand High Priest is very brief, and treats solely of local affairs. He had not been called upon to decide any question of Masonic law, nor had any case of grievance arisen within the jurisdiction during the year.

Two subordinate Chapters were declared extinct, not having made returns or paid dues for three years. Nine only of the fourteen working Chapters made returns.

Four of the delinquents, however, subsequently sent in their returns, but too late to be reported on by the committee.

The committee upon the relations of the Grand Chapter requested further time in which to prosecute their inquiries, and were continued with leave to report at the next Annual Convocation. We sincerely hope that at the Triennial Convocation to be held in 1883, West Virginia will enroll herself as a constituent of the General Grand Chapter.

The fourteen subordinate Chapters report a total membership of 520, an increase of thirty-seven during the year.

There is no Report on Correspondence. The *M. E.* WILLIAM H. H. FLICK was elected Grand High Priest and the *R. E.* ODELL S. LONG was re-elected Grand Secretary.

The next Annual Convocation will be held in the city of Wheeling on the Monday before the second Tuesday in November, 1881.

#### WISCONSIN.

This Grand Chapter held its thirtieth Annual Convocation in the city of Milwaukee on the seventeenth day of February, 1880,—the *M. E.* OLIVER LIBBEY, Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* JOHN W. WOODBULL being Grand Secretary. Forty-eight subordinate Chapters were represented.

The Grand High Priest in his address gratefully announces that the Grand Chapter has been spared the visitation of death, yet he reminds the members that companions are falling around them with a mortality increasing from year to year, and that unlike the ancient king, they needed no earthly monitor to remind them that they too must die. He calls attention to the fact that other jurisdictions have not been so fortunate as their own in their exemption from the visits of the "dark Angel"; and among the most prominent of those who have passed away during the year, he instances: *M. E.* THOMAS J. CONSON, Past Grand High Priest of New Jersey; *M. E.* ENOCH S. COURTNEY, Past Grand High Priest of Maryland; *M. E.* ANDREW J. THOMPSON, Past Grand High Priest of New Hampshire; *M. E.* ROGER WILLIAMS POTTER, Past Grand High Priest of Rhode Island.

Sundry special dispensations were granted, among which was one authorizing a subordinate Chapter to "communicate the degrees of Royal and Select Master, under certain restrictions, to such Royal Arch Masons as were members of that Chapter at the date of the adoption of these degrees by the Grand Chapter."

This looks to us like an unwarrantable assumption of authority. The Constitution of the Grand Chapter of Wisconsin gives the Grand High Priest no authority to issue a dispensation to communicate the Royal Arch Degree or its appendants. Whence, then, does he derive his authority to dispense with the ceremonies of the Cryptic degrees? Even were the adoption of these degrees by his Grand Chapter legal, which we do not admit, there is no more authority for dispensing with the ceremonies which illustrate them, than there is for dispensing with the ceremonies of the Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Master's degree. Communicated degrees make little or no impression upon their recipients, and the lessons which they were intended to inculcate lose all their force and effect. We venture to say that if these communicated Royal and Select Masters were questioned as to their knowledge of the degrees, nine-tenths of them would confess that they *know nothing about the beginning or the ending* of them.

We are not yet advised as to what course the General Grand Council will pursue relative to the numerous Royal and Select Masters *illegally* made by the different Chapters which have assumed the authority to confer or communicate these degrees, but we presume the healing process will be necessary in order to obtain for them recognition in those jurisdictions where regular Grand Councils are organized. Some years since the Grand Council of California adopted a resolution refusing to recognize as Royal and Select Masters any companions who were not made in "just and



legally constituted Councils thereof," and those who have visited us from jurisdictions where the degrees were conferred upon them in a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons, have not been admitted until duly healed.

The Grand High Priest had been called upon to make but two decisions which he thought of sufficient importance to be brought to the attention of the Grand Chapter, viz.:—

"1. A Chapter can legally elect its officers only at the time specified in its by-laws, which must, by the provisions of the Constitution, be in the month of December. An election of officers held at a Convocation preceding that fixed by the by-laws for that purpose, is void, unless the officers then balloted for have already been installed.

"2. By our present Constitution, any companion being a member of the Chapter, who is otherwise competent to fill the office of High Priest, may be elected and installed as such, whether he has previously been a member of the Grand Council or not."

The first of these decisions appears to be somewhat paradoxical. It is first asserted that a Chapter can elect its officers *legally* only at a certain time, and immediately afterwards that they may be legally elected at some other time, provided they had already been installed. Are we to infer from this, that officers of Chapters in Wisconsin are installed previous to their election? We presume, however, that the intent is to lay down the doctrine that re-elected officers need not be installed, which is directly contrary to the decision of the Grand Chapter last year. We cannot concur in this proposition. An officer, upon his installation, promises to serve the Chapter faithfully, to the best of his ability, during the term for which he has been elected. He is elected for the term of one year, and at the expiration of that term it matters not whether he is succeeded by himself or some other companion; the expiration of his term of office absolves him from his promise, and it is just as necessary that he be re-installed as that he be re-elected. If it were to be generally held that re-elected officers need not be installed, it would be better to add a clause to the general obligation to the effect that should the candidate ever be elected to any office, he would perform its duties faithfully so long as he retained the office, and abolish the installation obligation altogether. We hold that under no circumstances can a Chapter hold an election for officers at a time other than that specified in its by-laws, except by dispensation from the Grand High Priest.

The Report of the Grand Treasurer shows a balance on hand of \$1,735.95.

The Grand Lecturer presented a detailed report of his labors during the year, and sums up the result of his experience as follows:—

"In my visitations during the year I have found as a rule, less interest in the Chapters and fewer well-skilled officers than in any other Masonic bodies. In too many cases it has been made only a stepping stone to the Commandery, and when that goal was reached the interest in the Chapter was lost. Then the provision in our Constitution prohibiting the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree, has materially retarded the prosperity of many of the Chapters, stopped their work, and by this means much of the interest has been lost. Some of the Chapters have provided themselves with the necessary furniture for conferring the Council degrees, and are working them in good shape, and in such there has been a marked increase of interest. It is to be regretted that all of them do not qualify themselves to confer and pay more attention to them.

"The Chapters are generally in a harmonious condition, and for the last few months there has been an increase in the work done and in the attendance."

A resolution to amend the Constitution by striking out the clause prohibiting the use of substitutes in conferring the Royal Arch Degree was laid over until the next Annual Convocation.

The number of Royal and Select Masters connected with the Chapters is reported to be 1,317.

The thanks of the Grand Chapter were voted to the retiring Grand High Priest, for the efficient and fraternal manner in which he had performed his duties for the past two years.

The Report on Correspondence is, as usual, from the graceful pen of Comp. J. P.

C. COTTRILL, written in a style which is very interesting to read, but difficult to review. He makes no extracts, but writes his report in full, leaving paste and scissors at a discount. Some Reporters content themselves with presenting extracts from the proceedings of the several Grand Chapters, without note or comment. This is taking the other extreme, and is much more unsatisfactory. There is a "blessed medium," which in our opinion renders a report more generally interesting and instructive.

Comp. COTTRILL insists that Reporters should receive no remuneration for their labors, but that all Reports on Correspondence should be gratuitously presented. "This is rank heresy;" a great deal ranker than that of which he accused us in his last report. If the "laborer is worthy of his hire" in one instance, he is in another, and the preparation of one of these reports involves hard labor, both manual and mental. It is all very well for one who has plenty of time and money to work for the love of the thing, but we are not one of these. Time with us is money, and precious little of it, and we cannot afford to spend our money for naught. Besides, that which costs nothing is generally very little valued or considered, and we are determined that our reports shall not be slighted by reason of their cheapness. His report covers the proceedings of thirty-seven Grand Chapters and the Grand Mark Lodge of England and Wales. We regret to find that California is not included; for the reason, we presume, that our proceedings were not received in time, if at all. If Comp. COTTRILL, or any other Reporter or Grand Secretary, fails to receive our proceedings within a reasonable time after the Annual Convocation, we will cheerfully forward duplicates, upon receipt of a notification to that effect.

Under the head of Illinois we find the following:—

"A constitutional amendment was adopted, reported last year, giving seats to the honorary members, and the right of debate. We expressed our opinion, adverse to this practice, last year, in reviewing this our sister. We are opposed, emphatically, to all this honorary membership business; and think it is not admissible under the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter. The funds here are low and the Grand Chapter in debt; but why should it not be so when the pay-roll for mileage and per diem amounts to \$3,406.20? Abolish that nonsense and anomaly in Masonry, and then the financial path will be clear. Men should attend to Masonry for the love of it, and not for money; and we say that so far as business is concerned, a good committee of five level-headed men could do it all for nothing, better than an assemblage of two or three hundred, at a cost of \$3,406.20. Of course the annual gathering is very delightful to all that attend; old, pleasant associations are renewed; the hand-shake is most agreeable; new friendships and valuable ones are formed. Yet we say, let those that attend be paid their expenses by their own bodies, and not out of the general funds. On the mileage and per diem system, the practical result is that all the little bodies draw out all they put in, and the larger ones pay all the expenses. The whole system ought to be abolished forever."

There is more "truth than poetry" in the foregoing, and where the funds of a Grand Chapter are low, we think with Comp. COTTRILL, that the mileage and *per diem* system is as a mill-stone around its neck. On the contrary, where the funds of a Grand Chapter are ample, a fuller representation and more general interest will result from the adoption of the system.

He is somewhat severe in his comments upon the action of the Grand Chapter of Illinois in voting four hundred dollars to the Grand High Priest for his "official services." He says:—

"And we find also here, this queer thing done, namely: that four hundred dollars was actually voted to the Grand High Priest 'for his official services.' Now the payment of money to the Correspondence Committee is bad enough; but what shall we say to the making of the Grand High Priest's office salaried? Of course our Illinois companions may spend their money as they like, and it is, perhaps, none of our business how they spend it. But the principle is involved; and shall a man serve in Masonry in its high offices for gain? We cannot but confess that we have more respect for the Congressmen who took the back pay, than we can have for a Grand High Priest who profits in his lucre from his high office."

If the money was voted for the purpose of reimbursing the Grand High Priest for expenses incurred in the discharge of his duties, we think the action of the Grand Chapter was eminently proper. If it was intended to be considered in the nature of a salary, the strictures of Comp. COTTRILL are none too pungent. But there is no analogy between the cases cited above, viz.: the payment of a salary to the Grand High Priest, and remunerating the Committee on Correspondence for their labors. The office of Grand High Priest is a position of honor, and no pecuniary advantage should be allowed to lessen its dignity. The performance of his duties usually occupies but a small portion of his time, and the labor involved is comparatively small, while weeks of good hard work are required to produce a creditable Report on Correspondence. We think Comp. COTTRILL is hardly consistent in his views upon this subject, for under the head of Iowa we find the following:—

"He approves the abolishment of the Correspondence Committee, and thinks the work can be best done by the representatives. There is at least one thing in favor of the change, but only one that we know of—which is, that it gives the representatives something to do. Nebraska tried this plan, and then wisely gave it up. Iowa has tried it this year, and though we are neither prophet nor the son of a prophet, we predict that in a short time it will give it up also. The difference is between a connected, continuous report, written by one person, who examines all the proceedings, and therefore observes the several relations that each bears to the other; and a fragmentary, several report from each, without relation to each other. The latter system is good for nothing, in fact; the old one is the best and only practicable one. *and as to expense, it should not, in these matters, be considered.*"

The sentence which we have italicized seems hardly to comport with the idea that Reporters should work for nothing.

In the following, which we find under the same head, he has our most hearty concurrence:—

"It was decided that a Chapter member could not be suspended for non-payment of dues, except upon charges regularly preferred and trial. Pray, what need of charges and what is there to try? The books should show, if honestly kept, which is to be assumed, the dues unpaid. A notice to pay them or stand suspended gives full opportunity for defence. There are but two defences, that we know of, one of which is that the dues in fact have been paid; the other is inability to pay, in which case remission should at once be made; or else asking for time, which, when asked in good faith, should always be granted. We don't believe in all the machinery and performance of formal trial as to these Masonic drones. We would not abate a jot or tittle of their rights; would give them a perfectly fair chance; but the plan here suggested does that—protects their rights and covers their disabilities and infirmities charitably and Masonically, and saves time and trouble not to be undergone unnecessarily."

Under the head of Maine he says:—

"There is much discussion of the effect of expulsion or suspension upon Chapter membership, and this distinction is made, to wit:—

"Expulsion or suspension from Lodge membership does not affect Chapter standing; but expulsion or suspension from the rights of Masonry does. We fail to see the difference, because, simply stated, when Lodge membership is gone, we think about all there is is gone; and in either case expulsion is expulsion, and suspension is suspension, no matter for what reason, or upon what ground. The fact has its full quality, and there are no degrees of the crime."

We find much to admire in this valuable report, and but little to which we can take exception. If we could only bring Comp. COTTRILL to a realizing sense of the value of the efforts of those who are engaged in the great work of elevating the Masonic standard of intellectual and moral development, through their Reports on Correspondence, we could freely forgive him many "*rank heresies*" on minor points.

There are fifty-two chartered Chapters in this jurisdiction, having an aggregate membership of 3,166.

The M.: E.: FRED. RING was elected Grand High Priest and the R.: E.: JOHN W. WOODHULL was re-elected Grand Secretary.

### GENERAL GRAND CHAPTER.

The twenty-fourth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America was held in the city of Detroit, Michigan, commencing on the twenty-fourth day of August, 1880; the *M. E.* JOHN FRIZZELL, of Tennessee, General Grand High Priest, presiding, the *R. E.* CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, of New York, being General Grand Secretary.

All the General Grand Officers were present, and thirty-three Grand Chapters were represented. California was represented by Comp. HENRY SAYRE ORME, Deputy Grand High Priest; Comp. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, Grand King; and Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, Past Grand High Priest.

The Grand Chapters unrepresented, were Delaware, Nevada, Rhode Island, and Texas. The last two are irreconcilables, and claim to be independent of the General Grand Chapter while clearly owing allegiance to it. Two subordinate Chapters, under the immediate jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, were also represented. Fifty-five Past Grand High Priests were present at the opening.

The first business of importance transacted, was to receive and accept an invitation to a carriage ride through the city of Detroit, at three o'clock p. m. This weighty matter having been disposed of, it was ordered that all Royal Arch Masons who applied should be admitted as visitors except at the time of election of officers.

The General Grand High Priest commences his Address with an appropriate tribute to the memory of those companions whose deaths have been recorded since the last Triennial Convocation. He had made but one official visit outside of his own State, that being to the Grand Chapter of Ohio in 1877; which occasion, he says, "was of the most pleasant and agreeable character."

The principal portion of his address is devoted to the consideration of the questions of uniting the Cryptic degrees with those of the Chapter, and the position assumed by the Grand Chapter of Texas. Upon the first of these subjects, he says:—

"The relation properly subsisting between the Council degrees and Royal Arch Masonry is engaging the attention of the Craft, and various opinions are entertained and expressed. The position of the General Grand Chapter upon this subject is unmistakable, as may be gathered from the following statement:—

"Prior to 1853, its Constitution contained this provision:

"No Royal Arch Mason, within the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, shall be permitted to confer any degree in Masonry not recognized as a constitutional degree, nor to establish any society of Masons not recognized as a constitutional body."

"In 1850, this provision was construed by the General Grand Chapter, by the adoption of the following resolution:—

"That, in the opinion of this General Grand Chapter, those are constitutional Masonic degrees only which are conferred in regular Blue Lodges, Royal Arch Chapters, Encampments of Knights Templar and Appendant Orders, Councils of Royal and Select Masters, and Supreme Councils of the 'Ancient and Accepted Rite,' and their inferior jurisdictions."

"In 1853, the Constitution was amended by striking out the provision aforesaid, and inserting the following as Section 9 of Article I:

"The only degrees recognized by this General Grand Chapter, to be conferred in Chapters under its jurisdiction, are Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch Mason; and no Royal Arch Mason who shall have regularly received said degrees, shall be excluded from the rights of such by reason of his not being in possession of any other so-called degrees."

"Since that time this Body has uniformly held that it had no control whatever over the Council degrees; and, of course, that Chapters, adhering to its jurisdiction, had no right to confer them."

"The attempts recently made, by which some Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction seek to assume control over these degrees, and, by agreement with Grand Councils and otherwise, to authorize Chapters to confer them, either directly or indirectly, is in direct contravention of the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter, and demand your serious consideration."

"Whether this Body will now attempt, by amendment to its Constitution, to assume control over or recognize these degrees as properly belonging to Chapters, is a matter about which, no doubt, differences of opinion will exist."

"It is respectfully suggested that if any change be made, it would be far more desirable to eliminate some of the degrees now recognized as belonging to the Chapter, (for instance, Past Master,) rather than encumber the work of Capitular Masonry—already severely taxed in this respect—with additional work and lectures. Besides, we should thus take a step in the direction of securing uniformity between our system and that practiced in other countries. This uniformity is greatly to be desired, and any attempt in that direction would be fruitless so long as doubts exist as to what is our own system and practice."

Of the Grand Chapter of Texas, he says:—

"In 1835, the General Grand Chapter, upon application, authorized the issuance of a charter to constitute a Chapter of Royal Arch Masons in Texas, by the name of *San Filipe de Austin Royal Arch Chapter*, No. 1, of Texas, located at San Filipe de Austin. The charter was issued, and the Chapter subsequently removed its place of meeting to Galveston, the General Grand Chapter assenting thereto.

"In 1844, the General Grand Chapter was informed that certain persons in Texas had organized what they termed Chapters of Royal Arch Masons, and that these assemblages had associated themselves together under the name of the 'Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the Republic of Texas.' No charter or warrant of authority existed for any of these assemblages, emanating from the General Grand Chapter, or from any Grand Chapter. No such authority existed at that time for any organization of Royal Arch Masons in Texas, except *San Filipe de Austin Chapter*, and it had refused to coöperate in the formation of the so-called Grand Chapter of the Republic of Texas.

"A special committee, to whom certain documents from the so-called Grand Chapter had been referred, reported to the General Grand Chapter, 1844, and the report was adopted, directing the General Grand Secretary to notify the Texas companions who had thus associated themselves together as a Grand Chapter, 'that this General Grand Royal Arch Chapter cannot recognize the legality of their present organization, and giving them such fraternal advice and instruction as may aid them in retracing their steps, and adopting such measures as may be necessary and proper, and as are consistent with correct Masonic practice.' The General Grand Secretary performed the duty thus assigned, and so reported to the next Triennial Convocation.

"In 1847, the General Grand Chapter adopted the report of a special committee, reasserting the position assumed at the Triennial Convocation, 1844, and recommending the adoption of a resolution, 'that Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction are hereby forbidden to hold Masonic intercourse with the said so-called Grand Chapter of Texas, its subordinates, and those acknowledging the authority of said Grand Chapter.' The General Grand Secretary was directed to give notice of the action taken, which was done.

"At the meeting of the General Grand Chapter, 1850, it appeared that dispensations had been issued, by officers of the General Grand Chapter, for the formation of the following Chapters in Texas: *Washington*, 2, May 5, 1848; *Jerusalem*, 3, March 10, 1849; *Trinity*, 4, May 14, 1849; *Brenham*, 5, April 14, 1843; *Austin*, 6, (changed to *Lone Star*,) April 14, 1849; *San Jacinto*, 7, January 22, 1850; *Washington*, 8, (changed to *Brazos*,) and *Rising Star*, 9, February 2, 1850. The General Grand King, in his report to this meeting, says: 'It is with peculiar pleasure that reference is made to the amicable adjustment of all differences with our companions of Texas. For the sake of peace and harmony, they have, in a spirit worthy of all commendation, dissolved their independent organization, and there are now no less than nine Chapters working under authority from this Most Excellent General Grand Chapter.' At this meeting *San Filipe de Austin Chapter*, No. 1, and *Rising Star Chapter*, No. 9, of Texas, were represented, and charters were ordered to the Chapters to which dispensations had issued, except Nos. 3, 4, and 7, and the dispensations were renewed to these.

"In 1853, the General Grand King reported, that 'immediately after the close of the session of the General Grand Chapter, in 1850, he granted authority to the several chartered Chapters in Texas to form a Grand Chapter for that State.'

"The Convocation to form the Grand Chapter, under said authority, assembled December 27, 1850, application having been made for the authority so to do. A constitution was adopted December 30, 1850, the preamble to which was as follows: 'We, the several Chapters of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Texas, created and established by the authority of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the United States of America, duly represented by our High Priests, Kings, and Scribes, or their proxies fully empowered, in convention assembled, at the city of Galveston, on the 27th day of December, 1850, in accordance with the recommendation of the convention of Royal Arch Masons, held in the city of Houston on the 24th day of June last, pursuant to the powers vested in us by the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States, with the approbation of one of the first four officers thereof, \* \* \* do ordain and declare the following articles to be the Constitution of the Grand Chapter of the State of Texas.' The first article of

said Constitution was in these words: 'This Grand Chapter is subordinate to the General Grand Chapter of the United States.'

"The Constitution of the General Grand Chapter then, as now, contained this provision: 'The officers of every Chapter and Lodge under this jurisdiction, before they enter upon the exercise of their respective offices, and also the members of all such Chapters and Lodges, and every candidate, upon his admission into the same, shall take the following obligation, viz: I, A. B., do promise and swear that I will support and maintain the Constitution of the General Grand Chapter of the United States of America.'

"The Grand Chapter of Texas was represented at the Triennial Convocations of the General Grand Chapter. 1858, 1856, and 1859.

"At the Annual Convocation, June, 1861, the following resolution was adopted by the Grand Chapter of Texas:—

"*Resolved*, That all connection between this Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter of the United States is dissolved and forever annihilated by the separation of our State from that government.'

"This was nothing more than the announcement of the supposed effect upon the Grand Chapter, of the action of Texas in attempting to withdraw from the general government. That this attempt to withdraw proved a failure, is now a matter of history. Beside, the effect of such withdrawal, had it been successful, would not have been, as is asserted in said resolution, to 'dissolve' and 'annihilate' the connection between that Grand Chapter and the General Grand Chapter.

"All Masonic affiliations and relations being voluntary, are in the nature of mutual compacts, covenants, contracts. Masonic vows and obligations are not to be taken up and thrown down at pleasure.

"The relation existing between an individual Mason and the Institution, and the relation which a subordinate sustains to a superior Masonic jurisdiction, can only be dissolved, so long as the individual lives and the Masonic bodies exist, in one of two ways; that is by mutual consent, and, of course, in the manner pointed out by Masonic usage as a penalty upon the individual or subordinate body. To hold that individuals or subordinate Masonic bodies may disregard or dissolve, at pleasure, the obligations and relations subsisting between them and the bodies to which they owe allegiance, would be subversive of all Masonic government and organization, and destructive to the very foundation of the Institution. The individual Mason may *dimitt*; but even this right, if it may be called a *right*, is subordinate to the duty of fealty to Masonic vows and obligations.

"These views accord with those uniformly held by the General Grand Chapter, and are in harmony, it is believed, with the position maintained by Masons the world over. In fact, if they be not generally accepted as Ancient Landmarks, they deserve to be. In this connection, reference is made to the action of this Body, especially in 1859 and 1868.

"The forbearance of the General Grand Chapter toward those Grand Chapters which, about the same time, took action similar to that of Texas, has borne legitimate Masonic fruit, and all of them, except Texas, have voluntarily returned to their allegiance.

"In obedience to the action of the last Triennial Convocation, a communication was addressed, December 6, 1877, to the Grand Chapter of Texas, in which it was most fraternally and cordially invited to take such steps as would cause it to be represented at this Convocation, and thus unite with the Grand Chapters composing this Body in carrying into effect the objects of the organization—and the assurance was given that the Royal Arch Masons under this jurisdiction would extend a cordial welcome to their companions of Texas.

"At the Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of Texas, December, 1878, the matter came up for consideration, having been, at the previous Annual Convocation, referred to the consideration of a special committee, upon resolutions emanating from *San Felipe de Austin Chapter*, No. 1.

"Comps. PHILIP C. TUCKER and B. B. RICHARDSON, two of said special committee, submitted an able and exhaustive report reviewing the whole subject, insisting that the resolution of 1861 was void and of no effect; that 'upon the face of the resolution its conclusion must follow the fact stated therein, and it consequently never was of any effect.' They recommended the adoption of the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That this Grand Chapter acknowledge the receipt of the official communication of December 6, 1877, from Comp. JOHN FRIZZELL, M. E. General Grand High Priest of the General Grand Royal Arch Chapter of the United States, and tender through him its fraternal salutation to the General Grand Body over which he presides, from which this Grand Body derived its power, and accepts its fraternal invitation 'to be represented' at the next Triennial Convocation thereof, to be holden at Detroit, Michigan, on Tuesday, the 24th day of August, 1880.'

"Four of the committee, Comps. B. A. BOTTS, H. F. GILLETTE, NORTON MOSES, and E. W. TAYLOR, presented a lengthy report, insisting upon the power of the Grand

Chapter to withdraw; giving reasons why the act of withdrawal should, in their opinion, be adhered to, and recommending that course. These reasons consist mainly of unwarranted criticisms upon the General Grand Chapter, made up mostly of a repetition of what has been said from time to time by those who are opposed to a General Grand Chapter altogether. The report of Comp. Borts and his associates was adopted by the Grand Chapter with but one dissenting vote—the High Priest of Chapter No. 1 having been excused from voting.

“Hoping that something might still be done, the following communication was addressed to the Grand High Priest of Texas:—

“NASHVILLE, December 4, 1879.

“*M. E. Sir and Companion:*

“I had expected to be able to visit your Grand Chapter, and now, at the last moment, find myself unable to do so. I had looked forward to the visit with much pleasure, and now feel sorely the disappointment.

“The action of the Grand Chapter of Texas one year ago was a great surprise to me. I had not believed it would so act, especially in the spirit and for the reasons given. Texas having many years ago, of its own accord, become an integral part of the General Grand Chapter, would not, I had hoped and believed, adhere to its action taken during the excitement of civil war, severing the connection thus voluntarily entered into, or at least attempting to do so.

“An overwhelming majority of the Royal Arch Masons in the United States adhere to the General Grand Chapter. They believe the interests of Royal Arch Masonry not only justify but require such an organization. It is unreasonable to expect this large majority to remain quiescent when any portion of its number shall, by withdrawal and disregard of former relations, introduce discord, and by their action promote disintegration.

“I respectfully and urgently insist that it is not the interest, nor desirable in any point of view, for the Royal Arch Masons of Texas to isolate themselves from their companions of the United States, and possibly, in the end, drift into non-intercourse.

“Without going into the argument, I submit whether the Grand Chapter will not reconsider its action of one year ago, and resume the position it occupied for so many years in harmony with the mass of the Royal Arch Masons of the country.

“Our personal relations are such as to justify the expectation that you will give my views and wishes a respectful consideration, and cause them to be brought to the attention of your Grand Chapter.

“Present my kindest and fraternal regards to the companions.

“With assurances of personal esteem and friendship,

“Yours truly and fraternally,

“JOHN FRIZZELL, G. G. H. P.

“DR. G. M. McWHIRTER, G. H. P., Houston, Texas.”

“The Grand High Priest submitted this communication with his address, and recommended that the subject receive careful consideration.

“The committee to whom said address was referred submitted a report, which was unanimously adopted. Upon the matter in hand, said report was as follows:—

“They have considered the remarks in reference to the communication of *M. E. JOHN FRIZZELL, G. G. H. P.* of the General Grand Chapter of the United States. The action had by this Grand Chapter at its last Convocation was adopted with singular unanimity after the subject had been proposed at a previous meeting and laid over for one year. We do not think the reopening of the question would result in any good to the Order, or change the decision arrived at one year ago. The *M. E. Companion* has certainly misconstrued the sentiments of the Royal Craft in Texas, if he interprets their action at the last Convocation as hostile to fraternal relations toward our companions in other States in the Union, or a disposition to isolate ourselves from them. We refer to our proceedings for near a fifth of a century to show him that our relations have been ever friendly and fraternal. At the same time, we are not disposed to acknowledge that our action nineteen years ago was unwarranted by Masonic law, and that we have since been acting contrary to Masonic usage. We appreciate the kindly feelings expressed by the *M. E. Companion*, and regret that he was unable to meet with us, and receive personal assurances of the *spirit* and sentiments of the members of this Grand Chapter.”

“This statement of the facts, more in detail than would otherwise be desirable, is submitted that the members of the General Grand Chapter may be fully advised upon this important matter.

“Under all the circumstances, the conviction is forced upon the mind that forbearance has ceased to be a virtue, and that nothing is now left but to take decisive action. It is therefore recommended:—

“1. That the General Grand Chapter take such steps as will forbid and prohibit

all Masonic intercourse, as Royal Arch Masons, between those in its jurisdiction and the Grand Chapter of Texas and its subordinates, and those adhering to the jurisdiction of said Grand Chapter.

"This prohibition to be removed whenever said Grand Chapter shall resume its allegiance to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, and shall revoke and annul the legislation, of 1861 and subsequently, by which it was attempted to sever that allegiance.

"3. That in the meantime such steps be taken as will secure and protect in their allegiance those Chapters and companions in Texas still adhering, or preferring to adhere, to the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter."

Of the general outlook, he says:—

"With now and then an occasional exception, peace, harmony, and good-will exist among the Masons and various Masonic Bodies of this country. As a rule the members exemplify in their daily lives the principles inculcated in our work and lectures.

"While it is true that fewer persons seek admission than in former years, we are not to regard this as a matter for regret; as, perhaps, nothing is more detrimental to the true interests and proper growth of the Order than *popularity*—at least such popularity as existed for several years, commencing, say, fifteen years ago.

"So long as the individual members adhere with fidelity to the practice of those virtues taught in our Rituals and enjoined by our Laws; so long as they eschew extravagance and love of display, and regard as paramount an unselfish devotion to the practice of that Charity which regards it as more blessed to give than to receive; so long as they regard Masonry as a means of doing good to their fellow-men and of making themselves better, and not as a means of aiding in the attempt to promote selfish ends and purposes, may we, with unfaltering confidence, look forward to a bright future for the Order. On the other hand, whenever selfishness and love of display shall take the place of these teachings in our thoughts and affections, then we may certainly expect the dark clouds of adversity to hover over us."

That portion of the address relating to the Cryptic Rite was referred to a special committee of nine, consisting of Comps. DRUMMOND, of Maine, SPEED, of Mississippi, BELL, of New Hampshire, PARVIN, of Iowa, INNES, of Michigan, BARNARD, of Illinois, BENNETT, of Kansas, GORGAS, of Maryland, and EDMUNDSON, of Tennessee.

The committee, for their report, simply presented the following resolution:—

"*Resolved*, That the General Grand Chapter has no jurisdiction over the Degrees of Royal and Select Master, and that it is inexpedient for the General Grand Chapter to take any action concerning them."

This resolution was signed by all the committee, and was adopted; and as Mississippi, the originator of the amalgamation movement, was represented on the committee by her Grand High Priest, and as no objection appears to have been made to the resolution, it is to be presumed that the question is satisfactorily settled.

That portion of the address relating to the Grand Chapter of Texas was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, which committee submitted a majority and minority report.

The majority report is as follows:—

"*To the General Grand Chapter of the United States:*

"The Committee on Jurisprudence, to which was referred so much of the address of the M. E. General Grand High Priest, at its present Convocation, as relates to the acts and position of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of the State of Texas, respectfully submit this their report:

"That we have fully and carefully considered and discussed, in committee, and in the most kindly and fraternal spirit towards our respected companions of Texas, the attitude of that Grand Chapter in its relations to the General Grand Chapter, as it appears to the committee, in view of the facts so carefully and truthfully, as well as correctly and impartially presented in that address. Nor have they forgotten to weigh and consider the motives and misapprehensions so constantly occurring in the conduct and management of all human affairs, even among brethren, nor omitted to give prominence in their thoughts to that well established truth, that domestic contentions frequently arise from slight causes, and give rise to the most embittered and angry feelings.

"The facts referred to are briefly these:

"*First*. That the Grand Chapter of Texas was constituted in December, 1850, under the recognized authority of this General Grand Chapter, and derived all its



powers, as well as its very existence, as a legal and regular Grand Chapter, from it. This is evinced, not only by its taking all the requisite steps to its organization in obedience to the requirements of the General Grand Constitution, but in incorporating in its own Constitution a declaration that it was subordinate to the General Grand Chapter, and being represented at the three next following Triennial Conventions.

"*Second.* That the Grand Chapter of Texas, notwithstanding these acts, and the fact that every officer and member had taken upon himself, prior to June, 1861, the obligation prescribed to support and maintain the General Grand Chapter, resolved, at the period last named, that all connection between it and the General Grand Chapter was dissolved and forever annihilated, by the separation of the State of Texas from the government of the United States. Subsequent events have proved that the reasons assigned for the attempted separation were as fallacious in fact as they were unsound in theory. The relations between the Grand Chapter of Texas and this General Grand Chapter were such that they could not be dissolved, much less annihilated, without the consent of both, or, by way of penalty for a Masonic offense, or in consequence of some gross act of injustice or oppression on the part of the governing body, which would render further connection with it injurious or destructive of its rights and welfare.

"*Third.* No such acts on the part of the General Grand Chapter towards the Grand Chapter of Texas are pretended, or can be shown to have been committed, but, on the contrary, those of leniency, forbearance, and good will have always been exhibited; regardless of which, however, the Grand Chapter of Texas persists in its attempt to sever the connection with, and to throw off its allegiance to, the General Grand Chapter, and in its refusal to admit its lawful authority, to which it had voluntarily submitted and by which it was solemnly and irrevocably bound, unless this Body to which it was so bound had committed some act by which allegiance was forfeited or its obligations released.

"Such is the precise question as it exists to-day, and hence this Committee cannot but concur in the conclusions of the General Grand High Priest, as expressed in his address; to do otherwise, would be to shut its eyes both to 'the law and the testimony.' We only differ with him as to the supposed necessity of the application of the proposed remedy *now*, when hearts are still burning with bitter memories of the past enkindled upon other fields of action, and which, unconsciously to the actors, perhaps sway their judgment and control their conduct. We are unwilling to part with our companions of Texas; we cannot bring our minds, as yet, to the conclusion that they are in future to be excluded from the sympathies which cluster around our National Royal Arch Union, and that all the sacred memories of the past are to be buried, and that we are henceforth to hold them as we hold the rest of mankind, enemies in war, in peace friends.' We cannot resist the belief that a stronger, a deeper, a holier cord of sympathy and bond of union still unites us, as the courteous and fraternal tone of the communications between us still evince, and that they unaccountably labor under some misapprehension as to the position, purposes, and motives of this General Grand Chapter in the premises; and are unaware that its strongest and most earnest motive is, that while mildly, but firmly, re-asserting its claim of rightful jurisdiction, and denying that it may be cast off at pleasure, its strongest and most earnest desire is, that not one link in the golden chain of union may be severed.

"The Committee therefore respectfully propose, that all action upon the recommendations of the General Grand High Priest, in his address, be suspended until the next Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter, unless some emergency should arise rendering other action imperatively necessary; and which they are willing to commit to the judgment and discretion of the General Grand High Priest, guided by the judgment and conclusions expressed in the address. And that we exhort every officer and companion expressly acknowledging our jurisdiction: we exhort our still loved and honored companions of Texas, so to conduct and act mutually to and with each other, with firm confidence in the honor and right good feeling of each; that, disregarding all causes of difference in the past as minor consideration, when another Triennial Convocation of this General Grand Chapter shall be held, we and they together may be found, with clasped hands and melted hearts, kneeling with our beloved companions from every jurisdiction of Royal Arch Masonry in this broad Republic at one common altar, and sending up our united invocations to the GREAT I AM, that we are firmly united together in one common faith, one undying hope, and one glorious destiny.

"We subjoin the following resolution, expressive of our conclusions:—

"*Resolved,* That all action upon the recommendations of the General Grand High Priest, contained in his address, respecting the Grand Chapter of Texas, be deferred until the next Triennial Convocation; unless some emergency shall meanwhile arise

requiring definite action, and which, in such case, the General Grand High Priest is hereby fully authorized and empowered to take.

"Respectfully and fraternally submitted,

"JOHN L. LEWIS,  
"JAMES M. AUSTIN,  
"JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,  
"AZARIAH T. C. PIERSON,  
"JOSEPH P. HORNOR,  
"ENOS WASGATE."

Comp. SPEED, of the same committee, submitted the following report of the minority, and moved that it be substituted for the report of the committee:—

"To the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons :

"The undersigned, a minority of the Committee on Jurisprudence, with much diffidence and entertaining a profound respect for the opinions of the distinguished companions with whom he has the honor to be associated, concurring in the statement of facts set forth in the report of the majority, respectfully dissents from the conclusions reached by them. He is unwilling to entrust the General Grand High Priest with the exercise of a power which is denied to the General Grand Chapter itself. Under the Constitution (Art. 7) the power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instruction, over Grand Chapters, is expressly denied to the General Grand Chapter.

"The Grand Chapter of Texas is a sovereign Body, vested with all the rights, powers, and privileges attaching to a Supreme Masonic Power. It is regular in its constitution and organization, and perpetuates, through its subordinates, the true work and principles of the Royal Craft; and is entitled to the full measure of protection which the well-established law of absolute jurisdiction, within the State or Territory in which it exists, affords against the encroachment of this or any other Masonic Power. When it shall recognize the moral force of its Masonic obligations to the great body of Royal Arch Masons throughout the union, and, of its own volition, resume its relations as one of the component parts of the confederation of Grand Chapters existing under the name of General Grand Chapter, it will not come as a Prodigal Son, but standing erect in the full measure of its manhood, as becomes a Sovereign among Sovereigns.

"Let us, by every fraternal method which love and affection can devise, pave the way to her return, and carefully avoid placing any stumbling block in her path. In my humble judgment the silken tie of love will prove far stronger in causing the resumption of the relations formerly existing between the Grand Chapter of Texas and the General Grand Chapter, than all the thunders you can fulminate in the shape of implied threats, such as is contained in the resolution presented by the majority of the Committee, and I therefore submit the following resolution :

"Resolved, That it is inexpedient to take any action regarding the Grand Chapter of Texas at this time.

"Respectfully and fraternally submitted, FREDERIC SPEED."

The subsequent action of the General Grand Chapter on this subject, may be summarized as follows: A resolution of non-intercourse was voted down with singular unanimity—there being but *one* aye and 146 noes. The question of substituting the report of Comp. SPEED for the report of the committee was also lost by a vote of 67 ayes and 81 noes. A resolution for a committee to visit the Grand Chapter of Texas was tabled. It was finally voted that all "further action on the report of the committee be postponed until the next Triennial Convocation."

Thus the matter remains *in statu quo*. We entertain grave doubts as to the power of the General Grand Chapter to take such action as that recommended by the majority of the Committee on Jurisprudence. It appears to us that the hands of the General Grand Chapter are tied by a provision of its own Constitution. Paragraph 4, Section 7, Article 1 of the Constitution, reads as follows:—

"It shall have no power of discipline, admonition, censure, or instruction over the Grand Chapters, nor any legislative powers whatever not hereby specially granted, nor any authority to suspend the proceedings of any State Grand Chapter," etc.

With such a clause in its Constitution, the power of the General Grand Chapter is paralyzed, and it is idle to talk of disciplining any Grand Chapter, as proposed in the report of the committee in the case of Texas. Should Texas continue recalcitrant, and persist in her opposition to the lawful authority of the General Grand

Chapter, she should be compelled to respect her obligations by being ostracized until she returns to her allegiance. But this result can be reached only through the united action of the Grand Chapters themselves. Each Grand Chapter has the power to issue an edict of non-intercourse; the General Grand Chapter has none that we can discover.

The General Grand Scribe, Comp. NOBLE D. LARNER, of the District of Columbia, in his report, says:—

"I have had, during the past three years, frequent consultations with some of the leading companions in the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of West Virginia, with a view of securing their coöperation in an effort to induce that Grand Chapter to connect itself with the General Grand Chapter; and, from what I have learned of their wishes in respect to such a union, I have strong hopes that at the Twenty-fifth Triennial Convocation of this Grand Body the Grand Chapter of West Virginia will be enrolled as one of its constituents."

It is a source of deep regret that all the Grand Chapters of the United States cannot harmoniously unite under one general head, be governed by the same general laws, and adopt a common ritual. The Grand Chapters of Pennsylvania, Virginia, and West Virginia owe no allegiance to the General Grand Chapter, as they were never constituents of that Grand Body; yet we hope the time is not far distant when each of these will so far forego its individuality as to become links in the bright fraternal chain which shall encircle the Royal Arch Brotherhood of America.

The General Grand Treasurer reported a balance in the treasury of \$2451 17.

From the report of the General Grand Secretary we learn that the number of Royal Arch Masons now on the rolls of the several Grand Chapters, under the jurisdiction of the General Grand Chapter, is 111,778; a decrease of membership in the past three years of nearly 7000.

Six dispensations for the formation of new Chapters had been granted since the last Triennial Convocation.

The Grand Chapter of North Carolina through its representative, presented a memorial praying the General Grand Chapter to amend its Constitution so as to allow State Grand Chapters to regulate, at their own discretion, the fees for a warrant for a new Chapter. The memorial was referred to the special committee on the revision of the Constitution; but we notice that the Constitution was not amended in accordance with the prayer of the petitioner.

Comp. JAMES SEYMOUR, P. M. G. L. Z. C., of the Grand Chapter of Canada, was introduced, and received with the honors due to his rank.

The Constitution, as amended by the special committee on revision, was adopted. We omit, in this report, any notice of the changes made, as a copy of the new instrument will be furnished to every subordinate Chapter in the General Grand Jurisdiction.

Invitations were tendered the General Grand Chapter to hold its next Triennial Convocation at Milwaukee, Wisconsin; Atlanta, Georgia; New York City; Washington, D. C.; Little Rock, Arkansas; Lexington, Kentucky; Portland, Maine; Boston, Mass.; and San Francisco. These invitations were referred to a special committee, which committee reported in favor of San Francisco; but the General Grand Chapter amended, or rather changed the report, by choosing Denver, Colorado, as the place, and the Monday preceding the second Tuesday of August, 1883, as the time for the next Triennial Convocation.

We regret that the report of the committee was not adopted, for it would have afforded us great pleasure to have extended a California welcome to our companions from beyond the Sierras—and we should have been proud to have shown them our mountains, heavy with precious ores; our fields, teeming with rich harvests; our vines and fruit trees, bending with the weight of their luscious burdens; our towns and cities, the growth of little more than a quarter of a century; our *Chinese Quarters*, redolent of the odors of the Celestial Empire; our people, who, with commercial relations extending from east to west, over land and ocean, for energy and

enterprise are unsurpassed by—but we forbear, for fear we may lay ourself open to the charge of egotism. Nevertheless, all this, and more, would we have shown them; but, alas! the opportunity is denied us.

The Committee on Rituals exemplified the work in the several degrees, which, after some amendments, was adopted as the Rituals of the degrees of Capitalar Masonry in the jurisdiction.

The following resolution, to which is appended a note by the General Grand Secretary, was adopted:

*“Resolved, That the Committee on Esoteric Work be requested to prepare and submit to the Grand Council of the General Grand Chapter the work adopted this day by this Grand Body, and that the said Grand Council take steps to promulgate the same to the several Grand Chapters in this jurisdiction in such manner as to them may seem proper.”*

[NOTE—To prevent any misunderstanding of the action of the General Grand Chapter, in revising the Rituals of the several degrees, it is proper to state that only the essential instruction pertaining to each degree, with the technical forms of communicating the same, were adopted.—GENERAL GRAND SECRETARY.]

A resolution was also adopted authorizing the General Grand Secretary to publish 3500 copies of the proceedings of this Triennial Convocation, and the same number of copies of the Constitution, and to send one copy of each to every Royal Arch Chapter in the United States.

The charters of *Cyrus Chapter*, at Valparaiso, Chili, *St. John's Chapter*, at Smyrna, Turkey, and *Seattle Chapter*, No. 1, at Seattle, Washington Territory, were declared forfeited, and their titles dropped from the registry of subordinate Chapters. The number of *Seattle Chapter* was assigned to *Walla Walla Chapter*, of the same territory.

The Committee on Grievances reported that nothing had been submitted for their consideration, and congratulated the members of the General Grand Body, as well as all Companion Royal Arch Masons, that “harmony and fraternal concord prevail throughout the jurisdiction.”

Charters were granted to five Chapters under dispensation, and a charter was granted to the requisite number of companions in Lewiston, Idaho Territory, to organize a new Chapter at that place, to be known as *Lewiston Chapter*, No. 4.

Comp. SOUTHWATE, of North Carolina, offered the following, and action on the same was postponed until the next Triennial Convocation:—

*“Resolved, That in the opinion of the General Grand Chapter the subordinate Chapters in this jurisdiction should not, either at a regular or special Convocation, confer any degree without first opening a Royal Arch Chapter; and when work in any of the lower degrees is to be done, labor should be dispensed with in the Royal Arch Degree, a Lodge opened in the degree to be worked, and the latter should then be closed and labor resumed in the Royal Arch Degree.”*

We trust to the good sense of the members at the next Triennial Convocation to strangle this bantling in its cradle. If Comp. SOUTHWATE had studied for a whole triennial period, in order to invent a scheme to hamper and cripple the subordinate Chapters, he could not have hit upon a more effectual one. It would be especially fatal to the prosperity of Chapters located in sparsely populated districts, where many of the members live remote from each other and from the place of meeting. In such instances, it is frequently difficult to obtain the requisite number to open the Chapter, even at its stated convocations; and if nine are required every time the Mark, Past, or Most Excellent Master's degree is to be conferred, the work of such Chapters will be materially obstructed.

Comp. LARNER, of the District of Columbia, offered the following, action upon which was postponed until the next Triennial Convocation:—

*“Resolved, That the resolution adopted at the last Triennial Convocation, as published on page 98 of its proceedings, providing ‘that there must be present nine Royal Arch Masons to open any of the bodies under the jurisdiction of this General Grand Chapter, but that five may work as a Lodge of Mark Masters, seven as a Lodge*

of Past Masters, and seven as a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters,' be and the same is hereby repealed."

This is a fitting twin to the offspring of Comp. SOUTHGATE, and we trust that both will be gathered early to their fathers.

The courtesies extended to the officers and members of the General Grand Chapter by the Fraternity and citizens of Detroit, were apparently of a very pleasant character. A public reception was given them at Whitney's Opera House, where they were prayed for, sung to, and welcomed by the Mayor of the city, the Grand Master of Michigan, and the Past Grand High Priest, Comp. HUGH McCURDY, on behalf of the Grand Chapter. Eloquent and appropriate responses were made by the General Grand High Priest, Comp. FRIZZELL, General Grand King, Comp. CHAPMAN, and General Grand Scribe, Comp. LARNER. They were treated to a ride in luxuriant carriages through the principal avenues of the city, and to a steamboat excursion on Detroit River; and on the evening of the last day of the Convocation they were given a splendid banquet at the Michigan Exchange Hotel, which is thus described by the General Grand Secretary:—

"The proverbial hospitality of the Royal Craft of the Peninsular State was abundantly demonstrated, at the banquet given by the Grand Chapter of Michigan to the General Grand Chapter, at the Michigan Exchange Hotel, on Thursday evening, August 26th, on which occasion the members of the General Grand Body, a large number of ladies and other guests were courteously received and elegantly entertained by the companions of that Grand Chapter.

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"The banqueting hall was handsomely and profusely decorated with plants and flowers, the table sumptuously spread, the bill of fare ample and varied; and the service prompt and satisfactory, while the music of an excellent orchestra lent an agreeable charm to the banquet. The sentiments proposed were eloquently responded to, and the companions separated after a season of social intercourse, greatly pleased with their entertainment."

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Thus ends the record of the Twenty-fourth Triennial Convocation of the General Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons for the United States of America, and with it ends our report. With best wishes for the health, welfare, and prosperity of all Royal Arch Masons, at home and abroad, we present our work for inspection.

Respectfully submitted, for the committee, by

THOS. H. CASWELL, *Chairman*.

Which report was ordered to be published with the proceedings of this Convocation.

Comp. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz:—

*Resolved*, That no subordinate Chapter in this jurisdiction shall be permitted to appropriate any of its funds, derived from the annual dues of members, for any except charitable purposes and legitimate Chapter expenses, without first obtaining the consent of the Grand High Priest.

The Grand Lecturer gave notice that the Royal Arch degree would be exemplified this evening at seven and a half o'clock, at his request, by *California* Chapter, No. 5, upon actual candidates.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

## In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Tuesday, April 12th, A. I. 2411. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at half-past two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following regular Committees :—

*On Charters :*

Comp. Adolphus Hewel,  
" Hiram Newton Rucker,  
" William Thompson Luther,  
" Michael James Keating,  
" Charles Mortimer Cogan.

*On By-Laws :*

Comp. George Edwin Whitney,  
" William Buckley Davis,  
" John Thompson Kinkade,  
" Louis Constantine Huseman,  
" John Lithgow.

*On Returns :*

Comp. Franklin Henry Day,  
" James Martin Rodgers,  
" John Ranshaw Lockwood,  
" Daniel Porter Bystle,  
" George Edward Childs.

*On Grievances :*

Comp. Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,  
" George Alexander McKenzie,  
" John Floyd Van Divier,  
" Ellison Lassell Crawford,  
" Doran Lucius Campbell.

*On Payment of Delegates :*

Comp. George Heirn Gilbert,  
" William Barnabas Haskell,  
" Carnot Courtland Mason,  
" Henry Charles Lott,  
" James Seth Crawford.

Comp. JONATHAN DOAN HINES, from the special committee to whom had been referred the Address of the Grand High Priest, presented the following report :—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your special Committee to whom was referred the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, after duly considering that admirable paper, beg leave to report —

That we recommend the reference of so much thereof as relates to the building of halls, the purchase of costly paraphernalia, contracting of debts and expenses generally, other than those termed legitimate, and that portion relating to *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, be referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

That so much thereof as relates to *Signet* and *Keystone* Chapters, U. D., be referred to the Committee on Charters.

That so much as relates to amendments to by-laws of different Chapters be referred to the Committee on By-Laws.

That portion which relates to the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer, also to the official bonds of those officers, be referred to the Committee on Finance.

Your committee heartily unite with the Grand High Priest in his expressions of sorrow for the death of our E. Grand Chaplain, Comp. SAMUEL GRAVES, and concur in the appreciative words in which the life long services and worth of that venerable companion and officer are referred to. And that our sorrow for his loss and our sympathy for his family may have fuller expression, we recommend that so much of the Address as relates to the death of our E. Companion be referred to a special committee of three.

Of that portion of the Address relating to Cryptic Masonry, it is only necessary to say that inasmuch as the General Grand Chapter of the United States has declined to accede to the proposition to unite Capitular and Cryptic Masonry, that all action heretofore had by this Grand Chapter in relation to that matter amounts to nothing, and we recommend that no further proceedings be had in relation thereto.

Your Committee, although charged with a special duty only, feel justified in advertg to the case of Lakeport Chapter, and in expressing the hope that this Grand Chapter may take such decided action in relation to cases of that character as to render the recurrence of such disgraceful proceedings impossible in future.

And we further remark that, in relation to the complete and excellent Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest, all his rulings and acts, so far as we are authorized, are fully approved and commended as correct, and conformable to Masonic law and regulation.

The fraternal suggestions of the M. E. Grand High Priest show a careful and commendable study of the social and moral needs of the Royal Craft, and are just such as the Grand Chapter had a right to anticipate from a companion whose zealous and earnest efforts in promoting the true intent of Capitular Masonry have so eminently fitted him for the discharge of the high trust committed to his care.

The commendatory reference to the services of the R. E. Grand Secretary convey no flattery to those who know and appreciate the labors of that excellent and competent officer. Justice demanded all that the Grand High Priest has said to his credit.

In conclusion, we beg leave to say that our M. E. Grand High Priest, in his earnest and conscientious endeavors to promote the good of the Craft, is entitled, not only to our admiration and respect, but every Royal Arch Mason should profit by the plain but delicate reminder of duty so eloquently expressed in his Address.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. D. HINES,  
B. F. TUTTLE,  
THOMAS CALLOW, } Committee.

Which report was concurred in, and the references therein made were ordered as recommended.

The Grand High Priest named the following companions as a Special Committee—

On the Death of Comp. Samuel Graves: . . . { Comp. Leonidas E Pratt,  
" Thos. Alonzo McFarland,  
" Andrew Henderson Broder.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF presented the following resolution, which was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence, viz. :—

*Resolved*, That no candidate shall be exalted in any Chapter in this jurisdiction (unless by dispensation) until he has made sufficient proficiency in the preceding degrees to satisfy the Council of the Chapter that he can make himself known in those degrees. The examination as to such proficiency to be had in a Lodge of Most Excellent Masters.

On motion of Comp. BENJAMIN FRANKLIN TUTTLE, the election of Grand Officers was now ordered; whereupon the Grand High Priest appointed Comps. WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS and JOHN MORRIS WALBRIDGE to act as tellers, and the election proceeded, with the following result:—

- The M. E. HENRY SAYRE ORME was elected Grand High Priest;
- " R. E. WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE was elected Deputy Grand High Priest;
- " R. E. LEONIDAS E PRATT was elected Grand King;
- " R. E. JONATHAN DOAN HINES was elected Grand Scribe;
- " R. E. HIRAM THROOP GRAVES was elected Grand Treasurer;
- " R. M. THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL was elected Grand Secretary.

Comp. JAMES MARTIN RODGERS proposed the following amendment to the Constitution:—

Amend Section 5 of Article XVII, by striking out the word "fifty" and insert "thirty," so that the section will read as follows:—

"No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than *thirty* dollars; and in every case the entire fee shall accompany the application."

Which proposed amendment was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until ten o'clock to-morrow morning.

NOTE.—It is proper to state that the work of the Royal Arch degree, of which notice was given by the Grand Lecturer, was exemplified by *California* Chapter No. 5, this evening, in a manner the most creditable to the officers of that Chapter, and entirely satisfactory to the officers and members of the Grand Chapter, a large majority of whom were present. The thanks of the Grand Lecturer are due, and are hereby tendered, to *California* Chapter No. 5, for the excellent rendering of our ritual and ceremonial of the Royal Arch.

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## In Grand Chapter.

MORNING SESSION, }  
 Wednesday, April 13th, A. I. 2411. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at ten o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

After music by the choir and prayer by the Grand Chaplain, the minutes of yesterday were read and approved.



Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, from the Committee on Credentials, reported the following officers of Chapters and Past High Priests, by service in this jurisdiction, as being present and entitled to seats, viz., from—

*Stockton*,.....No. 28,.....EDWARD RICHARDS HEDGES, Past High Priest.  
*Napa*,.....No. 30,.....CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, High Priest.  
*Martinez*,.....No. 31,.....WILLIAM JOHN DOUGLAS, High Priest.  
*Alturas*,.....No. 34,.....THOMAS ALONZO MCFARLAND, Past High Priest.

The Grand Secretary presented the credentials of Comp. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Illinois; of Comp. NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of Tennessee; and of Comp. HENRY SAYRE ORME, as Representative of the Grand Chapter of New York, near this Grand Chapter; and those companions were duly received and accredited as such representatives.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, from the Committee on Jurisprudence, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Committee on Jurisprudence, to whom was referred the proposed amendment to Section 5 of Article XVII. of the Constitution, which now reads: "No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than fifty dollars, and in every case the entire fee shall accompany the application," so that it shall read as follows: "No Chapter shall confer the degrees for a less sum than thirty dollars, and in every case the entire fee shall accompany the application," have considered the subject, and submit the following report:—

Your committee are of the opinion that fifty dollars is the smallest sum for which any Chapter in this State ought to be willing to confer the degrees, and that if our Chapters can afford to make any reduction, let them do it by reducing or dispensing with monthly dues of members. Suspensions for non-payment of dues have been a constant source of complaint for many years, and if some practicable method can be devised by which the Chapters could maintain themselves without requiring the payment of dues, it would certainly be desirable that it should be adopted.

Your committee, therefore, recommend that the proposed amendment be not adopted.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. NEFF, GEO. T. GRIMES, A. HOLLUB, H. H. KNAFF, NATHAN W. SPAULDING,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

Comp. HENRY HAY KNAFF, from the same committee, presented the following reports:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution "that no candidate shall be exalted in any Chapter in this jurisdiction, unless by dispensation, until he has made sufficient proficiency in the preceding degrees to satisfy the council of the Chap-

ter that he can make himself known in those degrees," have had the same under consideration, and report: That at the Annual Convocation in 1877 of this Grand Body, the then Grand High Priest recommended a similar regulation, except that it was more thorough in its operation. The committee to whom the subject was referred at that time reported as follows:—

"In regard to the necessity for the exhibition of the proficiency of candidates in the preceding degrees before advancement, your committee fully concur in all that the Grand High Priest submits upon that question; yet, as the suggestion is a new one, and somewhat radical in its proposed requirements, they think that it will be well that the Chapters have an opportunity to consider the proposition, and they therefore recommend that no action be had thereon until our next Annual Convocation."

Your present committee entertain the opinion expressed in the former report upon the necessity for proficiency in the preceding degrees before advancement; and sufficient time having elapsed to enable the Chapters to give the subject the consideration its importance demands, and the requirements being so greatly modified as to be both practicable and desirable, your committee recommend the adoption of the resolution.

All which is respectfully submitted.

H. H. KNAPP, A. HOLLUB, J. H. NEFF. N. W. SPAULDING, GEO. T. GRIMES,	}	Committee.
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Which report was not concurred in.

Your committee, to whom was referred that portion of the Grand High Priest's Address relating to *Lakeport* Chapter, No. 54, have carefully investigated the subject, and report:—

That on March 20th, 1878, a dispensation was granted to FRANK D. TUNIS, WILLIAM W. JONES, LINDSEY CARSEN and others, in *Lakeport*, Lake County, to form and open a new Chapter in that place. The regulations of this Grand Body require that every Chapter under dispensation shall submit a record of its transactions at the subsequent Annual Convocation, which regulation was not complied with by *Lakeport* Chapter. But the fact that said communication occurred only twenty days subsequent to the date of the dispensation, might be and was taken as a mitigating circumstance for the omission, and the dispensation was continued. Again, at the Annual Convocation of 1879 said Chapter submitted no report of its transactions, nor was it represented in Grand Chapter. The liberal legislation then had proved salutary, and the dispensation was again continued. At the Annual Convocation of 1880, *Lakeport* Chapter submitted a record of its transactions, paid its annual dues, and presented a petition for its perpetuation by charter.

Your committee are informed that the indebtedness alluded to in the Address of the M. E. Grand High Priest was a subject of discussion at that time, and the propriety of granting a charter to a Chapter so heavily involved was seriously questioned. This Grand Chapter having failed to enact any regulation on that subject, and with the express understanding and the promise of the High Priest that the indebtedness would be speedily liquidated, a charter was granted. The Most Excellent Grand High Priest personally constituted the Chapter and installed its officers, since which time no official communication whatever has been received from *Lakeport* Chapter, notwithstanding the frequent appeals of the Grand Secretary for the annual returns for the present year. Even a communication from the Most Excellent Grand High Priest failed to elicit a reply, which act alone constitutes an offense, and is deserving of our severest condemnation.

In view of the above facts, and that *Lakeport* Chapter has brought discredit upon the Royal Craft in this jurisdiction, either by gross negligence or wilful violation of

an express or implied obligation, and still continues so to do, your committee offer the following resolutions and recommend their adoption:—

*Resolved*, That the charter of *Lakeport Chapter*, No. 54, be revoked, and said Chapter be and is hereby declared extinct; and that the Grand Secretary be directed to take possession of all the property of said Chapter, and make such disposition of the same as in his judgment may seem best, and apply the proceeds thereof to the payment of the indebtedness mentioned.

*Resolved*, That all members of *Lakeport Chapter*, No. 54, who were exalted or affiliated subsequent to the contraction of the above mentioned indebtedness, shall, upon payment of all dues to the Grand Secretary, be entitled to receive from him a certificate enabling him or them to affiliate elsewhere.

*Resolved*, That no Chapter under dispensation in this jurisdiction shall receive a charter unless all the requirements of this Grand Chapter shall have been complied with, and said Chapter is free from debt.

All which is respectfully submitted.

J. H. NEFF, H. H. KNAPP, N. W. SPAULDING, GEO. T. GRIMES, A. HOLLUB,	}	Committee.
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Which report was concurred in, and the resolutions accompanying it were adopted.

Comp. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, from the same committee, presented the following report:—

Your committee, to whom was referred the resolution of Comp. TUTTLE, prohibiting subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction from using the funds derived from the annual dues of members for any except charitable purposes and legitimate Chapter expenses, having carefully considered the same, submit the following report:—

Your committee deem the proposed rule both wise and necessary, in view of the facts stated when said resolution was presented to this Grand Body. They can readily see how utterly impossible it would be for a Chapter, or any body of Masons, to relieve the distress of the widows and orphans under its charge—to provide for the comfort and wants of the sick and helpless, or in fact to discharge any of its charitable duties and obligations—if left free to engage in speculations, whether reasonable or unreasonable, which would consume all its revenue, both present and future, and thereby jeopardize its well being and usefulness in the community in which it is situated. They therefore report back the resolution, and recommend its adoption.

Respectfully submitted.

A. HOLLUB, J. H. NEFF, GEO. T. GRIMES, H. H. KNAPP,	}	Committee.
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Which report was not concurred in.

Comp. ADOLPHUS HEWEL, from the Committee on Charters, presented the following reports:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Committee on Charters, to whom were referred the record books of *Keystone Chapter*, U. D., together with the petition for its perpetuation by charter, respectfully report:—

That they have carefully examined the records of said Chapter, and find them well and, except as herein mentioned, correctly kept. The defects which your committee deem its duty to criticise, are: 1st. The paucity of the final report of its

Secretary, which contains nothing outside of a simple statement of its finances, and even this in its most concise form; whereas the report of this officer should contain a complete epitomized history of the Chapter, showing, in addition to its financial condition, the number of petitions received by the Chapter for the degrees and for affiliation, its action thereon, number advanced, passed, received, and exalted, the number of members at the close of its business, the property, etc., acquired and owned by it; in short, all the information necessary to enable this Grand Body to judge of the present status and future prospects of the Chapter.

2d. The petition for its perpetuation should have been framed under the instructions of and submitted to the Chapter and spread upon the records; whereas in this instance, while the minutes show that at the proper time the Chapter appointed its High Priest to act as its delegate to this Convocation, and authorized him to present a petition for its perpetuation, yet the petition presented shows upon its face that it was framed some two weeks subsequent, is signed by, and in fact is the petition of, the delegate, instead of that of the Chapter, as required. Apart from the matters pointed out, the Chapter has fully complied with the law and the regulations of this Grand Chapter. As to its finances, the records show that it is in debt at present to the extent of \$190.82; and while your committee is in full accord with and deeply impressed by the soundness of the sentiments expressed by the *M. E.* Grand High Priest regarding the issuance of charters to Chapters under dispensation, until they can show themselves entirely free from debt, yet, in the absence of any positive law upon the subject, and in view of the fact that the amount stated is the balance only of expenditures made by the Chapter, aggregating \$1248.50, and including the heavy extraordinary expenditure incident to the organization—thus showing that the Chapter during the short period of its existence (from August last) has received and actually earned \$1057.58—we are justified in assuming that the Chapter in a very short period will be enabled to pay off this debt, and that, notwithstanding its existence, the financial status of the Chapter is healthy and promising; and further believing that, notwithstanding the defect above alluded to, the interests of the Order will be advanced by granting the prayer of the petitioners, we therefore offer and recommend the adoption of the following:—

*Resolved*, That a charter be granted to *Keystone Chapter* at San Bernardino, San Bernardino County, California, and that it be numbered on the register of this Grand Chapter as No. 56.

Your committee further report that they have examined the records and petition of *Signet Chapter*, U. D., and find them radically defective, in this:—

1st. No book of Marks has been sent.

2d. No book of By-Laws is sent.

3d. The records, while otherwise well kept, do not contain the reports of either Secretary or Treasurer, and consequently furnish no information as to the status and prospects of the Chapter. They do not show that the Chapter desires a charter, or that it has had any action upon the subject matter at all. The only petition submitted to the committee is that of Comp. CUNNINGHAM, King of the Chapter, dated April 12th.

The above matters, in the judgment of the committee, afford ample grounds to deny the petition; but as the committee have been furnished evidence sufficient to satisfy them that all the essential facts necessary to authorize the granting of the charter exist, that the omission to have them appear is the result of negligence on the part of some of the officers of the Chapter, and your committee being further satisfied from the evidence produced and statements made before them that to continue the Chapter under dispensation until the next Annual Convocation would materially and injuriously affect the prospects of *Signet Chapter*, as well as those of the Order generally in its vicinity, your committee therefore offer and recommend the adoption of the following:—

*Resolved*, That the *M. E.* Grand High Priest be and he is hereby authorized

and empowered to order the Grand Secretary to issue a charter to *Signet Chapter*—(such charter when issued to be numbered on the register of the Grand Chapter as No. 57); *provided*, the said Chapter shall have presented to the *M. E.* Grand High Priest within thirty (30) days from this date a petition for its perpetuation in proper form, accompanied by satisfactory evidence that said Chapter has complied in every respect with all the requirements of the Constitution and the rules and regulations of this Grand Chapter, and that it is free from debt and in a sound financial condition, and that in the meantime it be continued under dispensation. Should no such petition be presented within the period of time mentioned, or should the records presented therewith be unsatisfactory, and no charter be granted as herein authorized, then be it

*Resolved*, That *Signet Chapter*, U. D., be and the same is hereby continued under dispensation until the next Annual Convocation of this Grand Chapter.

All which is respectfully submitted.

A. HEWEL,	} Committee.
W. T. LUTHER,	
M. J. KEATING,	
H. N. RUCKER,	
CHAS. M. COGLAN,	

Which reports were concurred in and the resolutions accompanying them were adopted.

Comp. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, from the Committee on Returns, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your committee, to whom was referred for examination the returns of subordinate Chapters for the current year, having performed that duty, respectfully report:—

That returns from all the Chapters, except *Lakeport*, No. 54, have been received by the Grand Secretary, and that in most instances they were, as usual, correctly and neatly prepared; that those which were in any respect erroneous were promptly corrected by the secretaries upon notice thereof by the Grand Secretary; that all dues have been paid by the reporting Chapters, and in every instance save *two* accompanied the report.

Promptness in making out and transmitting the annual reports to the Grand Secretary cannot be too strongly urged upon the High Priests and Secretaries of subordinate Chapters. Without them the Grand Secretary is necessarily delayed in the discharge of his duties, which at that particular season are sufficiently onerous without the trouble and annoyance occasioned by such unpardonable neglect. That greater diligence in the discharge of this important duty may be observed in future years, the Chapters which failed to make reports within the period of time prescribed in the Constitution are here enumerated, and the dates when the returns were received are given, viz:—

<i>St. James</i> ,	No. 16.....	March 6, 1881.	
<i>Libanus</i> ,	No. 17.....	Feb'y 23, "	
<i>Trinity</i> ,	No. 19.....	" 18, "	
<i>Franklin</i> ,	No. 20.....	" 26, "	Dues received March 19.
<i>Sierra</i> ,	No. 21, .....	" 16, "	
<i>Los Angeles</i> ,	No. 33.....	" 27, "	
<i>Solano</i> ,	No. 43.....	March 17, "	
<i>Lassen</i> ,	No. 47.....	" 7, "	
<i>Modesto</i> ,	No. 49.....	" 13, "	Dues received March 22.
<i>Ventura</i> ,	No. 50.....	Feb'y 25, "	
<i>Corinthian</i> ,	No. 51.....	" 18, "	
<i>Ukiah</i> ,	No. 53.....	March 6, "	

The amounts of dues for which the several Chapters of the jurisdiction were indebted, are as follows:—

	Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total.
<i>San Francisco</i> , No. 1,.....	\$136 00	\$111 00	\$247 00
<i>Sonora</i> , " 2,.....	22 50	22 50	45 00
<i>Sacramento</i> , " 3,.....	154 50	98 50	253 00
<i>California</i> , " 5,.....	160 00	115 00	265 00
<i>Nevada</i> , " 6,.....	28 00	26 00	54 00
<i>Benicia</i> , " 7,.....	9 00	9 00	18 00
<i>Shasta</i> , " 9,.....	36 00	23 00	59 00
<i>Sutter</i> , " 11,.....	45 00	28 00	73 00
<i>Merced</i> , " 12,.....	24 00	18 00	42 00
<i>Washington</i> , " 13,.....	69 50	50 50	120 00
<i>Howard</i> , " 14,.....	65 50	37 50	103 00
<i>Cyrus</i> , " 15,.....	16 50	16 50	33 00
<i>Saint James</i> , " 16,.....	17 50	17 50	35 00
<i>Libanus</i> , " 17,.....	25 50	17 50	43 00
<i>Grass Valley</i> , " 18,.....	38 50	38 50	77 00
<i>Trinity</i> , " 19,.....	15 50	15 50	31 00
<i>Franklin</i> , " 20,.....	30 00	27 00	57 00
<i>Sierra</i> , " 21,.....	27 50	19 50	47 00
<i>Petaluma</i> , " 22,.....	66 50	28 50	95 00
<i>Oliver</i> , " 23,.....	12 00	12 00	24 00
<i>La Fayette</i> , " 24,.....	19 50	11 50	31 00
<i>Georgetown</i> , " 25,.....	20 00	15 00	35 00
<i>Oakland</i> , " 26,.....	39 00	29 00	68 00
<i>Della</i> , " 27,.....	27 00	21 00	48 00
<i>Stockton</i> , " 28,.....	47 50	35 50	83 00
<i>Manzanita</i> , " 29,.....	42 50	30 50	73 00
<i>Napa</i> , " 30,.....	21 50	20 50	42 00
<i>Martinez</i> , " 31,.....	42 50	20 50	63 00
<i>Los Angeles</i> , " 33,.....	51 00	28 00	79 00
<i>Alturas</i> , " 34,.....	14 50	14 50	29 00
<i>Naval</i> , " 35,.....	42 00	40 00	82 00
<i>Alameda</i> , " 36,.....	103 50	54 50	158 00
<i>Siloam</i> , " 37,.....	34 00	22 00	56 00
<i>Santa Cruz</i> , " 38,.....	16 50	16 50	33 00
<i>Donner</i> , " 39,.....	31 50	23 50	55 00
<i>Red Bluff</i> , " 40,.....	21 00	21 00	42 00
<i>Temple</i> , " 41,.....	22 00	22 00	44 00
<i>Chico</i> , " 42,.....	38 50	30 50	69 00
<i>Solano</i> , " 43,.....	17 50	17 50	35 00
<i>Visalia</i> , " 44,.....	17 50	15 50	33 00
<i>Santa Rosa</i> , " 45,.....	72 50	44 50	117 00
<i>Woodland</i> , " 46,.....	37 00	29 00	66 00
<i>Lassen</i> , " 47,.....	41 50	31 50	73 00
<i>Dixon</i> , " 48,.....	33 50	23 50	57 00
<i>Modesto</i> , " 49,.....	13 50	13 50	27 00
<i>Ventura</i> , " 50,.....	23 50	16 50	40 00
<i>Corinthian</i> , " 51,.....	10 00	10 00	20 00
<i>Humboldt</i> , " 52,.....	34 50	18 50	53 00
<i>Ukiah</i> , " 53,.....	13 00	13 00	26 00
<i>Lakesport</i> , " 54,.....			

		Gen. Fund.	Rep. Fund.	Total
<i>Bodie,</i>	No. 55,.....	\$33 50	\$20 50	\$54 00
<i>Signet,</i>	U. D.,.....	37 00	12 00	49 00
<i>Keystone,</i>	U. D.,.....	69 00	13 00	82 00
Making a total of.....		\$2077 00	\$1466 00	\$3543 00

All which is respectfully submitted by

F. H. DAY, J. R. LOCKWOOD, D. P. BYSTLE, GEO. E. CHILDS, J. M. RODGERS,	} Committee.
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Which report was concurred in.

Comp. GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, from the Committee on By-Laws, presented the following report :

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California :—*

Your Committee on By-laws, having duly considered the matters referred to it, respectfully report :

Amendments to by-laws have been made and reported to the M. E. Grand High Priest for his approval, as follows :

1. *Santa Rosa* Chapter, No. 45. Amending Art. II, Sec. 1. Changing the time of holding stated meeting to the first Friday of each month for the transaction of its regular business, commencing at 8 o'clock p. m., from April the first inclusive, and at 7 o'clock in the remaining months.

2. Same Chapter. Amending Art. VI., Sec. 3. Making the dues of each member of the Chapter four dollars per annum, and no member shall be eligible to office or be permitted to vote while in arrears for dues.

3. *Georgetown* Chapter, No. 25. Amending Art. VI., Sec. 3, to read as follows: "The dues of each member of this Chapter shall be two dollars and fifty cents per year, payable quarterly in advance; and no member shall be eligible to office or be permitted to vote while in arrears for dues."

4. *Los Angeles* Chapter, No. 33. Amending Art. VI., Sec. 1, to read as follows: "The fees charged for conferring the several degrees of Mark, Past, Most Excellent, and Royal Arch, hereafter charged shall be \$50, instead of \$60, as heretofore charged."

5. *Grass Valley* Chapter, No. 18. Amending Sec. 14 so that the dues of members shall be one dollar per quarter, instead of one dollar and fifty cents as heretofore.

6. *Visalia* Chapter, No. 44. Amending Sec. 3, Art. VI., to read: "The dues of each member of this Chapter shall be one dollar per month."

7. *Washington* Chapter, No. 13. Amending Sec. 3 of Art. IV., to read: "The dues shall be twenty-five cents per month."

8. *Chico* Chapter, No. 42. Amending Sec. 2, Art. VI., so as to read: "The fee for affiliation with this Chapter shall be one dollar, and shall invariably accompany the application."

9. *California* Chapter, No. 5. Amending Art. VIII. to read as follows :

"SECTION 1. The fees for the degrees and membership shall be as follows :—

"1. For the degrees of Mark Master, Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and Royal Arch the fee shall be fifty dollars and accompany the petition.

"2. When not Marked in this Chapter the fee for the degrees of Past Master, Most Excellent Master, and the Royal Arch shall be forty dollars, which fee must accompany the petition.

"3. When not Passed in this Chapter the fee for the degrees of Most Excellent

Master and Royal Arch shall be thirty-five dollars, which fee must accompany the petition.

"4. The fee for the degree of Royal Arch (the applicant having received the first three degrees elsewhere) shall be thirty dollars, which fee must accompany the petition.

"5. The fee for affiliation shall be five dollars, which fee must accompany the petition."

The several foregoing amendments being within the powers of the several Chapters by which they have been made, and conflicting with no provision of the Constitution, regulations or rules of this grand body, and having received the approval of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, we respectfully recommend that his action be concurred in.

An amendment to the by-laws seems also to have been made by *Modesto* Chapter, No. 49, amending Art. II., Sec. 1, to read as follows: "The stated meetings of this Chapter shall be holden on the Friday next succeeding the full moon in each month." What purports to be the report of the Secretary is not authenticated by the seal of the Chapter. Section 5 of Article XV. of the Constitution of this body requires each chartered Chapter, within three months from the date of its charter, to provide a suitable seal; "and all documents and papers emanating from such Chapter, or from its High Priest, or Secretary, in his official capacity, shall bear the impress of such seal or be considered null and of no effect." Inasmuch as this reported amendment has received the approval of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest, we presume that he satisfied himself of the authenticity of the notice thereof; and being otherwise unobjectionable, we recommend that said amendment be approved.

*Sonora* Chapter, No. 2, reports an amendment to Sec. 4, Art. III., so as to read "thirty dollars fees for all degrees conferred in this, instead of fifty." This proposed amendment, being in conflict with Sec. 5 of Art. XVII. of the Constitution of this body, did not receive the approval of the *M. E.* Grand High Priest. This action we recommend the approval of.

The Committee on By-Laws at the last convocation of this body, in passing upon the code of by-laws presented by *Bodie* Chapter, under dispensation, (now No. 55,) approved thereof with the exception of Article III., providing for the election of all officers except the Guard. This Chapter has since amended Article III., so that it now harmonizes with the provisions of Sec. 1, Art. XIV., of the Constitution, and, its action having received the approval of the Grand High Priest, we recommend that it be approved.

Your Committee are unable to make any report concerning the by-laws of *Signet* Chapter, under dispensation. The book of by-laws has not been furnished to the Committee, nor, as we are informed, has it been returned to the Grand Secretary.

Sec. 1, Art. XIV., of the Constitution provides: "Such dispensation shall terminate on the first day of the month in which the next succeeding annual convocation shall be holden, and then shall be returned to the Grand Secretary, together with the Book of Records, By-Laws, and returns to that date."

The Book of Records in the Grand Secretary's office contains what purports to be the By-Laws of said Chapter; but as the Constitution is very plain and explicit we do not feel authorized to depart from its requirements, consequently we are unable to make any further report. Too much care cannot be taken by new Chapters to comply with every requirement of the Constitution, and it is to be hoped that in the future all Chapters working under dispensation will conform strictly to the Constitution of this Grand Body.

The Committee find that in many instances the Chapters reporting amendments to the By-Laws have only reported the substance of the amendment without accompanying it with the full text of the section as amended. This course has embarrassed the Committee, as it has been compelled in some instances to surmise what the sub-



ject matter of the section relates to. The Committee have not for this reason, however, refused to approve any of the amendments proposed, though the better course undoubtedly would be in all instances to report the full text of the amended section. The Committee suggests, as a matter of precautionary safety, that the Grand Officers should in all instances in future withhold their approval until the course indicated has been pursued.

*Keystone Chapter*, under dispensation, has returned with its other books and papers its Book of By-Laws. The Committee has carefully examined them and find them conformable in all respects to the uniform code, and recommends their approval. It gives the Committee great pleasure to commend the neat and careful manner in which the By-Laws have been transcribed and subscribed. If the same care and attention is found in all departments of its work we predict for our new sister a future of brilliant prosperity founded upon substantial worth.

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEO. E. WHITNEY,  
 W. B. DAVIS,  
 J. T. KINKADE,  
 L. O. HUSKMAN,  
 JOHN LITHEGOW,

} Committee.

Which report was concurred in.

Comp. **GEORGE HEIRN GILBERT**, from the Committee on Payment of Delegates, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your committee to whom was referred the apportionment of the Representative Fund have performed the duty assigned them, and recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the delegates of the Chapters which were represented on the first day of the Convocation:—

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
<i>San Francisco</i> ,	1.....	\$111 00....	Paid.....1st day.....	\$ 6 00
<i>Sonora</i> ,	" 2.....	22 50....	Paid..... " .....	27 00
<i>Sacramento</i> ,	" 3.....	98 50....	Paid..... " .....	14 00
<i>California</i> ,	" 5.....	115 00....	Paid..... " .....	6 00
<i>Nevada</i> ,	" 6.....	26 00....	Paid..... " .....	26 00
<i>Benicia</i> ,	" 7.....	9 00....	Paid..... " .....	8 00
<i>Shasta</i> ,	" 9.....	23 00....	Paid..... " .....	34 50
<i>Sutter</i> ,	" 11.....	28 00....	Paid..... " .....	22 50
<i>Merced</i> ,	" 12.....	18 00....	Paid..... " .....	17 00
<i>Washington</i> ,	" 13.....	50 50....	Paid..... " .....	17 00
<i>Howard</i> ,	" 14.....	37 50....	Paid..... " .....	10 00
<i>Cyrus</i> ,	" 15.....	16 50....	Paid..... " .....	71 00
<i>St. James</i> ,	" 16.....	17 50....	Paid..... " .....	25 00
<i>Libanus</i> ,	" 17.....	17 50....	Paid..... " .....	27 50
<i>Grass Valley</i> ,	" 18.....	38 50....	Paid..... " .....	25 00
<i>Trinity</i> ,	" 19.....	15 50....	Paid..... " .....	—
<i>Franklin</i> ,	" 20.....	27 00....	Paid..... " .....	21 00
<i>Sierra</i> ,	" 21.....	19 50....	Paid..... " .....	56 00
<i>Petaluma</i> ,	" 22.....	28 50....	Paid..... " .....	9 00
<i>Oliver</i> ,	" 23.....	12 00....	Paid..... " .....	26 00
<i>La Fayette</i> ,	" 24.....	11 50....	Paid..... " .....	44 00
<i>Georgetown</i> ,	" 25.....	15 00....	Paid..... " .....	25 00
<i>Oakland</i> ,	" 26.....	29 00....	Paid..... " .....	6 00
<i>Della</i> ,	" 27.....	21 00....	Paid..... " .....	20 00
<i>Stockton</i> ,	" 28.....	35 50....	Paid..... " .....	13 00
<i>Manzanita</i> ,	" 29.....	30 50....	Paid..... " .....	31 00

Name and Number of Chapter.	No.	Dues to Rep. Fund.	When Represented.	Am't Allowed.
Napa,	30	\$20 50	Paid.....2d day	—
Martinez,	31	20 50	Paid..... "	—
Los Angeles,	33	28 00	Paid.....1st day	\$40 00
Alturas,	34	14 50	Paid..... "	—
Naval,	35	40 00	Paid..... "	8 00
Alameda,	36	54 50	Paid..... "	6 00
Siloam,	37	22 00	Paid..... "	21 50
Santa Cruz,	38	16 50	Paid..... "	18 00
Donner,	39	23 50	Paid..... "	—
Red Bluff,	40	21 00	Paid..... "	—
Temple,	41	22 00	Paid..... "	16 00
Chico,	42	30 50	Paid..... "	23 00
Solano,	43	17 50	Paid..... "	—
Visalia,	44	15 50	Paid..... "	35 00
Santa Rosa,	45	44 50	Paid..... "	10 00
Woodland,	46	29 00	Paid..... "	14 50
Lassen,	47	31 50	Paid..... "	67 00
Dixon,	48	23 50	Paid..... "	12 00
Modesto,	49	13 50	Paid..... "	16 00
Ventura,	50	16 50	Paid..... "	49 00
Corinthian,	51	10 00	Paid..... "	54 00
Humboldt,	52	18 50	Paid..... "	31 00
Ukiah,	53	13 00	Paid..... "	21 00
Lakeport,	54	—	—	—
Bodie,	55	20 50	Paid.....1st day	—
Signet,	U. D.	12 00	Paid..... "	40 00
Keystone,	U. D.	13 00	Paid..... "	46 00
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They also recommend that the following amounts be allowed to the Grand Officers in attendance, viz.: to the—

Grand High Priest,.....	\$47 50	Grand Royal Arch Captain, \$25 00
Deputy Grand High Priest,.....	46 00	Grand Treasurer,..... 6 00
Grand King,.....	12 00	Chairman Finance Com.,... 11 00
Grand Scribe,.....	6 00	Grand Chaplain,..... 18 00

Amount allowed to Grand Officers, .....\$ 171 50

Amount allowed to Delegates,..... 1115 50

Total amount of allowances,.....\$1287 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

GEORGE H. GILBERT,  
C. C. MASON,  
WILLIAM B. HASKELL,  
HENRY CHARLES LOTT,  
J. B. CRAWFORD, } Committee.

Which report was concurred in and the several amounts were ordered to be paid as recommended.

On motion of Comp. JACOB HART NEFF, the installation of the Grand Officers elect was made the special order for half-past two o'clock this afternoon.

The Grand Chapter was then called off until two o'clock this afternoon.

## In Grand Chapter.

AFTERNOON SESSION,  
Wednesday, April 13th, A. I. 2411. }

The Grand Chapter was called on at two o'clock, the Grand High Priest presiding.

Comp. FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD, from the Committee on Finances, presented the following report:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

Your Finance Committee beg leave to report that they have carefully examined the reports of the Grand Secretary and Grand Treasurer. We find them correct, and recommend that they be approved, and published with the proceedings.

The official bond of the Grand Secretary, in the sum of \$6,000, and of the Grand Treasurer, in the sum of \$10,000, have also been examined by the committee. We find them in proper form, and that they were filed with and approved by the M. E. Grand High Priest immediately after the close of the Convocation of 1880, as required by order of the Grand Chapter.

Your committee recommend the following appropriations for the ensuing year:—

Expenses of Delegates, Convocation of 1881.....	\$1166 00
Expenses of Grand Officers and Chair'n Com. on Fin., Convocation of 1881..	124 00
Salary of Grand Secretary, and as Chairman of Com. on Correspondence...	1800 00
Salary of Grand Organist .....	25 00
Salary of Grand Guard.....	25 00
Printing and Binding Proceedings.....	700 00
Contingent Expenses of Grand Secretary's Office.....	175 00
Rent of Grand Secretary's Office.....	300 00
Dues to General Grand Chapter.....	30 00
	\$4345 00

All which is respectfully submitted.

F. D. MEAD,  
B. F. TUTTLE, } Committee.  
WILSON HAYS, }

Which report was concurred in and the several recommendations were adopted.

Comp. HENRY SAYRE ORME, Grand High Priest elect, then addressed the Grand Chapter, giving an interesting account of the proceedings of the General Grand Chapter at its late Triennial Convocation, and of the work adopted thereat. The companions of the Grand Chapter paid marked attention to his remarks, and received the gratifying assurance that the work of the Chapter in this jurisdiction is so nearly similar that no change in our ritual need be made, or is required.

Comp. FRANK DOUGLAS MEAD presented the following as a general regulation, viz.:—

*Resolved*, That it shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Chapter in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, immediately, all rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations that may take place in their several Chapters; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the several Chapters of the jurisdiction, every six months, all such rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations so reported to him.

Which resolution was referred to the Committee on Jurisprudence. That committee, having considered the same, made a verbal report, recommending its adoption; which report was concurred in, and the resolution adopted.

Comp. JACOB HART NEFF offered the following:—

*Resolved*, That the Chairman of the Committee on Finances be allowed the same pay for his attendance at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter as is allowed to representatives of subordinate Chapters.

Which resolution was referred to the Committee on Finances, with instructions to report thereon immediately. That committee having reported favorably, the resolution was adopted.

Comp. LEONIDAS E PRATT, from the special committee to whom had been referred that portion of the Address of the Grand High Priest relative to the decease of the E. Grand Chaplain, presented the following:—

*To the M. E. Grand Chapter of California:—*

SAMUEL GRAVES.

We knew him long and well. With reverent and fraternal hands we lift the pall a moment from his bier. Noble, pure, and grand old man! Few, indeed, have had the happy fortune to share in such experiences as were his! At more, considerably more, than fourscore years, as full of royal deeds as he was ripe in age; with no act of his life to regret, and no thought, purpose or impulse at which his pure spirit would now blush. Like a tired child he laid down to rest—gently fell asleep—and so awoke in Heaven. What more shall be said?

The Grand Lodge of this State has already paid the tribute of its respect to his memory. It has placed in its archives the tablet whereon is inscribed the goodly record of his career as man and Mason. We can add nothing to it and would subtract nothing from it.

Let that tablet be reproduced here as the expression of this Grand Body.

Respectfully submitted.

LEONIDAS E PRATT,  
THOS. A. MCFARLAND, } Committee.  
A. H. BRODER,

Which report was concurred in, and the tablet of the Grand Lodge was ordered to be printed as a mourning page in the proceedings.

The Grand High Priest announced the following appointments for the ensuing year, viz :—

Grand Chaplain,.....	Comp. JOHN RIGGS CRANDALL,..	of Delta,	No. 27;
Grand Lecturer,.....	" THOS. HUBBARD CASWELL,	of Nevada,	No. 6;
Grand Capt. of the Host,..	" EDWARD COLEMAN,.....	of Grass Valley,	No. 18;
Grand Royal Arch Captain,.	" BENJ. FRANKLIN TUTTLE,..	of Petaluma,	No. 22;
Grand Organist,.....	" SAMUEL DAVID MAYER,..	of California,	No. 5;
Grand Guard,.....	" IRA COLBURN ROOT,.....	of California,	No. 5.

The hour for the special order—the installation of Grand Officers—having arrived, the newly elected and appointed Grand Officers were duly installed in their respective stations by the *M. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN*, Past Grand High Priest, assisted by the *M. E. ADOLPHUS HOLLUB*, Past Grand High Priest, as Master of the Ceremonies.

On motion of Comp. *JACOB HART NEFF*, the *M. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN*, Past Grand High Priest, was requested to sit for his portrait, and the Grand Secretary was instructed to have it placed in the portrait gallery of the Grand Chapter.

The Grand High Priest announced the appointment of the following Standing Committees for the ensuing year :—

<i>On Jurisprudence :</i>		<i>On Finances :</i>	
Comp. Jacob Hart Neff,		Comp. Frank Douglas Mead,	
" Henry Hay Knapp,		" Michael James Keating,	
" William Abraham Davies,		" Hiram Newton Rucker,	
" Adolphus Hollub,		" Franklin Henry Day,	
" Wiley James Tinnin.		" John Thompson Kinkade.	

*On Correspondence :*

Comp. Thomas Hubbard Caswell,
" George Edwin Whitney,
" Adolphus Hewel,
" William Thompson Luther,
" Edward Warren King.

The business of the Grand Chapter being all completed, the minutes of the day were read and approved, and the Grand Chapter of California was closed in *Ample form*.

HENRY SAYRE ORME,  
*Grand High Priest.*

ATTEST :

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL,  
*Grand Secretary.*

## This Mourning Page,

BY ORDER OF THE MOST EXCELLENT GRAND CHAPTER  
OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,

IS GIVEN TO THE MEMORY OF OUR REVERED COMPANION,

## Samuel Graves;

Who was born in Cooperstown, Otsego Co., State of New York,  
On the fourth day of June, 1794;

And who died in the City of San Francisco, State of California,  
On the thirtieth day of July, 1880.

He was probably the oldest member of the Craft in this jurisdiction, having been  
made a Master Mason in *Otsego* Lodge, No. 138, New  
York, in the month of July, 1815.

HE HAD BEEN

MASTER OF SAINT PAUL'S LODGE, F. & A. M., No. 124;

HIGH PRIEST OF DAVID'S CHAPTER, R. A. M., No. 84 ;

*Master of King Hiram Council of R. & S. M., No. 18 ;*

—AND—

Commander of Salem Town Commandery, K. T., No. 16 ;

ALL AT AUBURN, IN THE STATE OF NEW YORK.

He had held many other important offices in Masonry, and, at the time of his death,  
as he was for five years previously, was

## GRAND CHAPLAIN

OF THE GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,

And, as he had been during seven years before,

## GRAND BIBLE BEARER

OF THE GRAND LODGE.



*A good old gentleman who was greatly loved ;*

*A faithful, and to the last, most active and zealous Mason ;*

*A pious, God-serving man, in remembering whom we all may pray*

*" May our last end be like his."*

# GENERAL REGULATIONS

## OF THE

### GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

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1. The degree of Past Master must be conferred upon all candidates, notwithstanding that they may have previously had a degree of that name conferred upon them in a Convocation of Past Masters, by virtue of an election to preside over a Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons.

2. All the Chapters under this jurisdiction are required, in the conferring of degrees, to conform to the ritual adopted by the Grand Chapter, at its special Convocation, in September, 1855.

3. Every Mark Master attached to a Chapter under this jurisdiction must, within six months after his admission, select his mark and record the same in a Book of Marks, kept by the Chapter for that purpose, and it is made the special duty of the Secretary of each Chapter to see that this regulation is complied with.

4. The term "nearest Chapter" used in the Constitution, means the nearest by geographical measurement.

5. No Masonic communication shall be held with a Royal Arch Mason who stands suspended as a Master Mason, for any cause.

6. Each Chapter under this jurisdiction shall pay, in addition to its annual dues, the sum of fifty cents for each Royal Arch Mason borne upon its roll at the date of its annual report; which additional assessment shall be used as a fund to defray the actual expenses of one delegate from each Chapter represented at the Annual Convocations of the Grand Chapter—the same to be apportioned by a special committee appointed for that purpose.

7. Whenever two or more Chapters exist in any city or town within this jurisdiction, it shall be the duty of each of such Chapters to notify the other or others, existing in the same place, of all applications presented to it for the degrees.

8. When, after an election of an applicant to receive the Chapter degrees, and he has received the Mark degree, an objection to his advancement is made at any time by a member, such objection shall be referred to a committee, with power to inquire into the cause thereof, who shall at the next stated meeting (unless further time be given) report thereon; and upon the reception of said report, if no cause for the objection has been assigned, or if the cause assigned be, in the opinion of two-thirds of the members present, not a valid and Masonic one, the Chapter may confer the degree in the same manner as if no objection had been made.

9. No petition for the degrees, or application for membership, shall be received by any Chapter within this jurisdiction, unless it be signed with the full name or names of the petitioner or applicant; and in the annual reports of the subordinate Chapters, the given name or names of every member or others upon their rolls, shall be given in full.

10. The provisions of the Constitution of the Grand Lodge of the State of California shall be, in all essential respects, where there is no conflict between it and the

Constitution of this Grand Chapter, the rules and regulations by which the action of the subordinate Chapters of this jurisdiction shall be governed.

11. That the use of substitutes shall not be permitted for purposes of rapid advancement, or for accommodation merely, but only when the Council of the Chapter, in the exercise of a sound discretion, shall be satisfied that the good of Royal Arch Masonry will be promoted thereby.

12. That the use of more than one substitute at a time is prohibited, unless the dispensation of the Grand High Priest, permitting such use, be first procured; said dispensation to be issued only for good cause shown, and upon a petition signed by a majority of the Council of the Chapter asking such dispensation.

13. The limit of physical qualifications to be required of a candidate for the degrees conferred by a Royal Arch Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be, simply, that he be enabled to conform strictly to all which the ritual in those degrees makes necessary.

14. That the restoration to good standing by a Lodge of any companion who has been suspended by it for any cause, and where no action has been had in his case directly by the Chapter, restores him to good standing in the Chapter.

15. From and after the first day of December, 1874, no High Priest of a Chapter under this jurisdiction shall be installed, unless he shall present to the installing officer a certificate from the Grand Lecturer, or some companion known by the Grand Lecturer to be skilled in the work, that he is qualified to properly confer all the Chapter degrees and deliver the lectures thereunto appertaining; and the installing officer shall forward such certificate to the Grand Secretary.

16. That the Chapters subordinate to the jurisdiction of the Grand Chapter of Royal Arch Masons of California, be directed to require of all visitors for examination from other jurisdictions, prior to admission, a declaration in the following words: "I do not stand suspended or expelled for any cause whatever; neither has my name been stricken from the roll of members for non-payment of dues in my Lodge of Master Masons, or my Chapter of Royal Arch Masons."

17. That it shall be the imperative duty of every Chapter in this jurisdiction, before it shall confer the Royal Arch degree upon any candidate, to require of said candidate a compliance with Regulation No. 3, relative to the selection and recording of his mark.

18. That no Chapter under dispensation in this jurisdiction shall receive a charter unless all the requirements of this Grand Chapter shall have been complied with, and such Chapter is free from debt.

19. It shall be the duty of the Secretary of every Chapter in this jurisdiction to report to the Grand Secretary of this Grand Chapter, immediately, all rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations that may take place in their several Chapters; and it is hereby made the duty of the Grand Secretary to report to the several Chapters of the Jurisdiction, every six months, all such rejections, suspensions, exclusions, expulsions, and restorations so reported to him.



## RULES OF ORDER

OF THE

### GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

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**RULE 1.** When the Grand Chapter shall have assembled, the Grand Secretary shall call the roll of its members, and if a sufficient number of Chapters are represented, the Grand Chapter shall be opened. The Grand High Priest shall then appoint a Committee on Credentials, and no further business shall be transacted until after its report shall have been received.

**RULE 2.** After the reception of the Report on Credentials, the proceedings of the preceding Convocation shall be read by the Grand Secretary, unless their reading be dispensed with; the Address of the Grand High Priest, and the reports of the Deputy Grand High Priest, Grand Secretary, and Grand Treasurer, shall be presented, and appropriately referred, in the order here named; and the Grand High Priest shall appoint the regular committees, to whom all papers then in the hands of the Grand Secretary, requiring such reference, shall be at once referred. The Committee on Correspondence shall then present its annual report.

**RULE 3.** After the business of the Convocation is thus begun, the regular order for each session, during its continuance, shall be as follows:

1. Reading of the minutes of the last session.
2. Report of the Committee on Credentials.
3. Reception and action upon, or reference of, petitions, memorials, and appeals.
4. Reports of Regular and Special Committees, and action thereupon.
5. Motions, resolutions, and other business.

**RULE 4.** All reports submitted, all petitions, memorials, or appeals presented, and all orders, motions, or resolutions, shall be in writing, and shall be read by the Grand Secretary, before any action is taken thereupon.

**RULE 5.** No motion to reconsider shall be entertained, unless made during the same session when the question proposed to be reconsidered was decided, nor unless such motion be made by one who voted with the majority upon that question.

**RULE 6.** When a day and hour shall have been named for the election of Grand Officers, such election shall, at that time, take precedence of all other business, unless the Grand Chapter, by a two-thirds vote, shall otherwise direct.

**RULE 7.** These rules shall only be suspended by unanimous consent, but may at any time be amended by a vote or two-thirds of the members present.

# RETURNS

OF THE

## SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

UNDER THE JURISDICTION OF THE

## GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA,

A. I. 2411.

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### SAN FRANCISCO CHAPTER, No. 1.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.*

#### OFFICERS:

Michael James Keating, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Jacob Luchsinger, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Isaac Philanson Kincaid, <i>King</i> ,	Peter Buck Nagle, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
George Edward Jones, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Waterman Baldwin, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Clement, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Leviston, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Swift, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Thomas Moore, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Solomon Kohlman, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Edward Gilberts, <i>Guard</i> .

#### Past High Priests:

John Dunbar Creigh, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	John Rudolph Jarboe,	Samuel Sternheim,
Adolphus Hollub, <i>P.G.H.P.</i> ,	Milton Hills Myrick,	Alfred Rising,
Louis Cohn,	Stewart Menzies,	Henry Wangenheim,
Martin John Burke,	Theodore Edward Smith,	Edward Taylor Anthony.

#### ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allenberg, Charles	Bosworth, Henry Martyn	Chase, Charles Metaphor
Anderson, James Wright	Bradbury, Wm. Blackstone	Christy, Robert Francis
Anderson, Thomas	Brandenstein, Meyer	Clinch, Charles Godfrey
Arnheim, Samuel Sigmund	Browell, Jeremiah	Cogswell, James LaFayette
Bangs, Edward	Brown, Brainard Charles	Cohen, Henry Lyon
Baum, Simon	Bryan, William	Cohen, Simon
Behrendt, Herman	Bryan, Thomas	Congdon, Henry Bliss
Berggren, August,	Burnham, James William	Connelly, James Edward
Bergson, Ole	Burns, Henry Jameson	Cooper, William
Bilty, Theodore George	Carpenter, Augustine Dyer	Craig, Peter
Black, Henry Melvin	Carson, James Gilmore	Cressy, Albert
Blankenstein, Henry	Cartan, Francis Matthew	Curry, John

Curry, Nathaniel	Kelly, Robert Price	Prince, Henry Gillan
Daneri, Antonio	Kenitzer, Henry	Purfurst, August Bernhardt
Daniel, John	Kerr, James Patterson	Quirk, Thomas Francis
Davis, Henry Laurens	King, Robert Irvine	Randall, George Clinton
Doane, John Osbourne	Kittridge, Jonathan	Reinhart, Benjamin
Doane, Sharon Pratt	Kline, Henry	Reynolds, Leonard
Dore, Benjamin	Kohn, Isaac	Richards, Charles Wesley
Drucker, August	Landen, Martin Kuttner	Richards, Charles West, Jr.
Dusenberg, Louis	Lengfeld, Abraham Lewis	Ritter, Charles August
Edgar, William Matthews	Levy, Jacob	Roberts, John Charles
Edwards, Henry	Levy, Morris Bernhard	Robinson, Cornelius Preston
Einstein, Morris	Levinsky, Marks	Robitscheck, Herman
Eisenberg, Isidor	Lewis, William	Rosenbaum, Joseph
Elfelt, Joseph	Lucas, Robert Hume	Rosenbaum, Julius
Enricht, Louis	Madison, John Henry	Rosenbaum, Moses
Ezberg, Mendel	Makins, James Nicholas	Ross, Daniel W
Ewing Charles Grey	Manheim, Isaac	Saalburg, William
Fisher, Henry James	Markewitz, Augustus	Sabat��, Phillippe, Gabriel
Foorman, Samuel	Mayer, S Julius	Samuels, David
Fox, Otto	McAllister, William Francis	Sanborn, Albion Irving
Frank, Emanuel Max	McDonald, Robert	Saulmann, August
Franz, Bernhard	McKew, John	Sawyer, Lorenzo
Frapolli, Baptiste	McKenzie, John Rosa	Scharlin, John Aaron
Fried, Ignatius S	McLeod, James	Schoenfeld, Jacob
Friedberg, Morris Solomon	Mead, Lewis Riadon	Schweitzer, Jacob
Friedlander, Moritz	Mendelson, Solomon	Schweitzer, Morris
Fuller, Andrew Henry	Meyer, Charles	Seiler, Paul
Gallagher, Edward M	Michaels, Aaron William	Seitz, George
Gerhow, Frederick	Miller, Frederick Hain	Smith, Charles Schieffelin
Gerstenberg, Henry	Mohrhardt, Philip Freder'k	Smith, Charles Ward
Getz, Bernhard	Moraghan, Michael Bolan	Solomon, Albert
Getz, Joseph	Mosgrove, Samuel	Spaulding, George
Getz, Louis	Murphy, John Charles	Sprague, Rufus William, Jr.
Getz, Solomon	Myers, William	Steffani, Camillo
Giacomini, Giovanni Dom.	Newbauer, Herman Wolf	Stuart, William Adams
Giamboni, Natale	Newberger, Gustavus	Sweet, Solomon
Giannettoni, Malachia	Newfield, Marcus	Taubles, Maximilian
Goldberg, Jacob	Newhall, Henry Mayo	Thornhill, Joseph
Gordon, James Edward	Newman, Carleton	Todd, David Byron
Goyette, Joseph	Newman, Isaac	Triest, Bernhard
Green, Adam Treadwell	Nickel, Lorenzo	Turpin, Frederick Light
Greenberg, Henry Sampson	Nicolaysen, Frank	Van Vlack, Gilbert James
Gruenberg, Max	Nutsen, Charles Andrew	Von Aspern, John
Hall, John Chase	Parker, Charles Hubbard	Wagner, Theodore
Hall, Thomas Day	Parker, John Henry	Waters, Charles
Hawes, Elsie	Pearson, Henry Haven	Wedekind, George Louis
Hawley, James Augustus	Penhallow, DeBlois Pearce	Weed, Alexander
Hayes, George Walford	Penny, James Crymes	White, Robert Frank
Herzo, John	Phillips, Wm. Armstrong	Whiting, Henry Herpesine
Hunt, John Henry	Pippey, Robert Norman	Williams, Henry
Huntoon, Isaac Davenport	Plummer, Benjamin Lucans	Wilsinski, Marks
Jacoby, Augustus	Poly, Louis	Wilson, Duncan Montrose
Johnson, Henry	Prag, Martin	Wormser, Louis
Jones, William	Prescott, Charles Josephus	Wurkheim, Morris—222. �

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER :

Cronan, William—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Jordan, Dennis

Penlington, George

Voigt, Christian Heinrich—3.

## EXCLUDED :

Craig, James

Flatau, Louis

Wood, Andrew Bunker—5.

Douthitt, David William

Manzur, Lonson Martin

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Lardner, Henry Francis

Selleck, Silas—2.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report.....	225	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted .....	6	Excluded.....	5
Affiliated .....	1—232.	Suspended for non-payment dues	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	222—232.

## SONORA CHAPTER, No. 2.

Sonora, Tuolumne County.

*Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS :

Alonzo Colby, *High Priest*,  
 William Gustave Rudorff, *King*,  
 George Carroll Bush, *Scribe*,  
 Charles Edward Lang, *Treasurer*,  
 Eduard Keil, *Secretary*,  
 Peter Klein, *Captain of the Host*.

Edwin Aldrich Rodgers, *Prin. Sojourner*,  
 John Mundorf, *Royal Arch Captain*,  
 Frederick Francis Mitchell, *Mas. 3d Vail*,  
 Archibald Patterson, *Master 2d Vail*,  
 Joseph Moore Hampton, *Mas. 1st Vail*,  
 Francis Anthony Prassa, *Guard*.

## Past High Priests :

Francis Anthony Prassa,  
 Alvin Bacon Preston,  
 Isaac Newton McCulloch  
 Frederick Faxon,

Stephen Wing,  
 Edward Skinner,  
 William Henry Ryan,  
 Edwin Aldrich Rodgers,

James Bell,  
 Gideon Wing,  
 Solomon Benas.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Bach, William Francis  
 Bacon, Martin  
 Barlow, Abraham  
 Booth, James Godfrey  
 Byrd, Francis Jahew  
 Calhoun, Henry Clay  
 Carter, John Beach  
 Collins, John

Foersterling, Louis, Jr.  
 Haslach, Jacob  
 Lampson, Royal Mills  
 Mathews, James  
 Mann, John Christian  
 Means, Andrew Jackson  
 Oppenheimer, Benjamin  
 Parsons, Edmond

Reed, Abner  
 Sharrock, Evrard  
 Sivening, Henry  
 Stinson, James  
 Valpey, Abraham Martin  
 Wilson, Richard Montgom'y  
 Winnie, George  
 Wade, Charles Frederick—45.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :

Andross, Moses Chamberl'n

Fuller, James Monroe

Wykoff, William—3.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report .....	48	Suspended non-payment of dues....	3
		Now borne upon the roll.....	45—48.

## SACRAMENTO CHAPTER, No. 3.

Sacramento, Sacramento County.

*Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Charles Mortimer Cogan, <i>High Priest</i> ,	William Edward Oughton, <i>Pr. Sojourner</i> ,
William Rowland Jones, <i>King</i> ,	Alexander John Gardiner, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Joseph Davey, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edwin Glover, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Anthony Egl, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Milton Hogg, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Alfred Augustus Redington, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Daniel McKay, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John McArthur, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	George Frederick Bronner, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Jas. L. English, <i>P. G. H. P.</i> ,	Powell Samuel Lawson,	John Chilton Burch,
William Franklin Knox,	William Monroe Petrie,	Creed Haymond.
Francis Foster,	William Buckley Davis,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Acock, Thomas Lafayette	Cunningham, John Austin	Harris, Elias Bramon
Adams, Oliver Miller	Dale, Richard	Haskell, Dudley Haines
Alexander, Benj. Franklin	Davis, Jacob Zeigler	Hawk, Eldridge L
Allen, John Francis	Davis, James Gilliland	Hawkins, William
Allen, Robert	Davis, Jerome Cox	Hevener, William Henry
Arrasmith, Vernon	Davis, William Hewson	Hillier, Theodore
Atkinson, Edmund Clement	Day, James Thompson	Hoag, William Moffit
Bair, Darius H	Dennerly, Alphonse	Hoehn, Jacob
Ball, Charles Henry	Dennerly, Bernard	Holmes, Henry T
Bartels, William	Denson, Samuel Crawford	Houghton, William Alton
Barrett, Isaac Thomas	Domingos, John	Hubbard, Cyrus Hayden
Barrett, John William	Dresher, Valentine	Hubbs, Anthony
Bauquier, Joseph	Drew, Nathaniel Lafayette	Huggins, Henri Tyler
Bergevin, Nelson Langevin	Dwyer, Michael	Hull, Joseph
Berkey, Thomas Henry	Ecklon, Christian Ludwig	Hunt, William Smith
Bliss, Sidney	Eickhoff, John Henry	Hyman, Jacob, Sr.
Block, Maurice	Forbes, Robert	Hyman, Jacob, Jr.
Boyd, John Walter	Foster, James Stuart	Iagan, Hans Bernhard Wm.
Brewington, Benj. Smith	Foy, Frederick Mathias	Inwalle, John Joseph
Brougham, Frederick P	Foye, Wm. Robinson Smith	Irvine, William John
Bryding, Peter	Frank, Samuel	Jackson, William Franklin
Burnham, James Henry	Frazee, Robert Smith	Jacobs, Enoch
Bush, George Thompson	Frost, Amos Locke	Jenkins, George W.
Butler, Stephen William	Gallatin, Albert	Johnson, Julian Workman
Calderwood, Job Francis	Gerson, Samuel	Johnston, William
Carey, John Thomas	Gillis, Dougald	Jones, Edward Augustus
Carlson, Edward	Giraud, Eugene	Kay, Samuel
Caswell, William Averill	Gonnet, Adrian	Kellogg, Cornelius
Clark, Thomas William	Griffitta, John T	Kercheval, Reuben
Cluness, William Robert	Haines, Gabriel	Kimball, Gotham Gates
Coolidge, Isaac Baldwin	Hammer, Luther Kertz	Knights, William Durant
Cook, Frank Herbert	Hammond, Edwin	Knights, William Rudd
Cook, Hiram	Harbison, John S.	Krebs, Charles Henry
Crocker, Henry Smith	Harmon, Rufus Burnham	Lavenson, Samuel
Croly, Edward James	Harper, Thomas	Leloy, Louis

Levison, Jacob	Palmer, Asa John Wood	Taverner, George
Levy, Bernard	Peters, Robert James	Trope, Peter
Levy, Edward Roger	Phillips, George	Tubbs, John Charles
Libby, Warren Thompson	Phillips, Louis	Tufts, Albert Currier
Lightner, Bonus	Pool, Josiah	Ulp, Alfred
Littlefield, Lewis Bateman	Porter, James Nichols	Van Voorhies, Albert Alex.
Locke, George Washington	Putnam, George Alfred	Vermilya, Abram John
Lyon, Edward	Rademacher, Charles	Wachhorst, Herman
Maier, Jacob Fred. William	Rath, Elias	Walker, Myron Philo
Marvin, Frank William	Resegnie, James Gleason	Wallquist, Carl Johan
Merrill, John F.	Robinson, Robert	Webster, Samuel Excelsior
McAlister, Adam A.	Rothfeld, Sigmund	Welch, Benjamin
McConnell, Thomas	Sawyer, James C.	Welch, George Drake
McCormack, Charles	Smith, Benjamin	White, George Amos
McLaughlin, William	Smith, John Wm. Martin	Wick, Robert Kerr
Miller, John Henry	Smith, Joshua Hughes	Wilcoxson, Jefferson
Miller, Peter Andrew	Smith, Frank Augustus	Willis, Evander Berry
Miller, William Buchanan	Smith, Thomas	Willis, William Ladd
Montgomery, George	Spinks, Alfred	Wilson, Jesse Warren
Morse, Stephen Turner	Staneart, John William	Willard, David Wright
Nathan, Samuel	Steinman, Bernhard Ulmer	Witham, Gilbert Tapley
Ochsner, John	Steinmeyer, Fred'k Wilhelm	Yoerk, August Charles
O'Neil, James	Stober, Frederick Conrad	Young, John Nellis
Pacheco, Romualdo	Talbot, John	Zimmerman, Christian—197.

## WITHDRAWN:

Parsons, Thomas Joseph—1.

## EXCLUDED:

Champlin, Nelson

Shields, Charles Fox

Wickstrom, Carl Elias—4.

Feldheim, Nathan G

## DIED:

Keber, Jacob—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....186	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....15	Excluded.....4
Restored.....2—203.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....197—203.

## CALIFORNIA CHAPTER, No. 5.

San Francisco, San Francisco County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Tuesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Franklin Henry Day, *High Priest*,  
 Charles Lyman Haskell, *King*,  
 Joseph McMath, *Scribe*,  
 Hiram Throop Graves, *Treasurer*,  
 George Tuttle Grimes, *Secretary*,  
 Arthur Weld Moore, *Captain of the Host*,

John Werner Shaeffer, *Prin. Sojourner*,  
 Thomas Henry Dowling, *Royal Arch Capt.*,  
 Joseph Gardner Baston, *Master 3d Vail*,  
 Charles Gustavus Simons, *Master 2d Vail*,  
 Epenetus Rodgers Barnhisel, *Mas. 1st Vail*,  
 Samuel David Mayer, *Organist*,  
 James Oglesby, *Guard*.

**Past High Priests:**

Reuben Edgar Raimond,	John Elbridge Purdy,
William Henry Lyon,	Jesse Combes Reed,
Alexander Gurdon Abell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Abraham Halsey,
George Tuttle Grimes, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	William Wilson Traylor, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
William Thos. Reynolds, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	John Kirkpatrick, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
John Francis Snow,	Thomas Kyle,
Hiram Throop Graves,	Charles Morton Radcliff, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Alfred Ooledge Walitt,	Albert Frederick Knorp,
Joseph Miller Litchfield,	William Abraham Davies, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>
Leonidas E Pratt,	Isaac Sutvene Titus, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allen, William Henry	Deweese, Cornelius, Jr.	Johnson, John Munroe
Angus, John Archibald	Dougherty, Charles Medley	Johnston, William David
Atkinson, Thos. Thompson	Earl, John Ogden	Jones, Cyrus Winship
Bacon, Joseph Snowden	Earle, Henry Halford	Jones, William
Bell, John	Earle, Slade Anthony, Jr.	Jones, William Arthur
Benson, John Adelbert	Eastman, Frank	Kaeding, Chas. Van Buren
Berryman, Henri Burpee	Easton, Wendell	Kelly, Robert Gabriel
Best, John Tritten	Edgar, Dan Joseph	Kennedy, Frank
Blaser, John Christian	Estee, Morris March	Kennedy, John Fitzmaurice
Boaswell, Solomon Bailey	Ewell, Luther Jerome	Kenyon, Curtis George
Bragg, Robert	Fake, George John	Kimball, Moses Coombe
Bridge, William Edward	Fiske, Henry Mortimer	King, Henry Lewis
Brigham, Calvin Oaks	Flint, Brilsford Pease	King, John
Brittan, Nathaniel Jones	Foot, Henry Du Quesnet	King, Joseph Libbey
Bromley, George Tisdale	Foree, George Haynes	Kuh, Leopold
Brooks, Thomas Hubbard	Foster, Arthur William	Laird, David White
Browning, Jeremiah	Gabbs, Albert Steph. Isaiah	Landers, John
Bruner, Wm. Happersatt	Garratt, Benjamin Franklin	Lewis, Edwin
Bullis, Omri	Garratt, William Thompson	Leydecker, Theo. William
Burges, Tristram	Gilmore, Archibald Neill	Lloyd, Reuben Hedley
Butler, Alban Bernard	Grant, Thomas Chamberlain	Luty, John Samuel
Campbell, Robert	Hall, Robert	Lyman, Charles
Castle, Stephen	Hamilton, Hiram Milton	Macdonald, William
Center, John	Haraszthy, Arpad	Mann, Azro Levi
Center, William	Harney, William	Martin, Alexander
Chapin, Dinamore Davis	Harrington, John Conly	Marye, George Thomas, Jr.
Chesley, Charles Palmer	Hartshorne, Benj. Minturn	McComb, John
Churchill, Clark	Highton, Henry Edward	McCullough, H. VanSchaick
Cockrill, Theo. Guevara	Hildebrandt, Carsten	McLane, George Milligan
Coey, James	Hodge, John Graham	McLennan, Donald
Cook, Joseph Carroll Hoff	Horton, Thomas Rotch	McMillan, Daniel
Cox, Henry	Hotaling, Anson Parsons	Middleton, Frank
Cox, Palmer	Hotchkiss, Henry Wells	Miller, Stephen Baldwin
Crawford, John Jones	Howard, Horace Zerah	Montague, Wilford Weed
Cummings, Walter Bailey	Howe, George Washington	Moore, Elliott Josiah
Dalbey, Edgar Wilson	Ingalls, John Newton	Moore, Robert Henry
Dalton, Franklin	Jackson, Alden W	Morgan, John Stillwell
Damon, George Dimick	Jacobs, Albert	Morse, Ebenezer Eaton
Davis, Edmund Smith	Jaynes, Frank	Muller, John
Davis, Isaac Elphinstone	Jeffers, Milo Sidney	Nagel, William
Dean, Peter	Jeffray, William	Neal, Charles Sanders

Norcross, Daniel	Schoder, Joseph	Thompson, John Henry
O'Connor, Thomas Michael	Scott, Shailer Mackintosh	Thompson, Lucius
Osgood, George	Scott, Thomas William	Thrall, Henry Homer
Otersen, Herman	Seaton, Horace Henry	Torrence, John
Partridge, Edward Briggs	Seymour, Simon Harry	Trueworthy, Francis Mar'n
Payne, Warren Ritch	Shattuck, David Dustin	Tustin, William Isaac
Pendergast, James Albert	Shaw, Oliver Bradbury	Tyrrell, John Haydon
Periam, Charles James	Short, Peter	Van Denburgh, Alison
Peterson, Arthur Simison	Shrader, Andrew Jackson	Vanderslice, William Keyser
Pickens, Joseph Alexander	Skelly, James Henry	Van Duzer, Oliver
Pierce, George Lincoln	Smith, Adrian Russell	Vollmer, Edward
Plate, Henry Augustus	Smith, Edwin Lawrence	Wadhams, Luman
Plum, Charles Mortimer	Smith, Stephen Henry	Wadsworth, James O Luke
Pollock, James Crawford	Stadtfield, Jacob	Warren, Robert William
Porter, Thomas Alexander	Stanley, Samuel Lewis	Waterhouse, Fred. Adelbert
Powell, Robert Baldwin	Starbird, Albion Wilson	Waters, George Latham
Preston, Edgar Frank	Steiger, Charles Rudolphe	Wells, William
Price, Thomas	Steiner, Nicholas	Wetherbee, Calvin Hale
Prior, John Lewis	Stevens, William Emerson	Wheeler, Jacob
Ramadell, Benjamin Hatch	Stringer, William James	Wilde, Francis Brooke
Reavis, William Henry	Sullivan, Eugene Lemuel	Williamson, Robert Stockton
Reynolds, Frank Bailey	Sumner, Frank William	Wilson, Charles
Richards, William Henry	Swift, James Flitcroft	Wilson, James Knox Polk
Root, Ira Colburn	Taylor, John Brinkworth	Wooster, John Benjamin
Rundell, William Mason	Taylor, John Ward	Wylie, James—230.
Russell, John Adam		

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTERS:

Hopkins, Timothy	Newhall, Edwin White	Newhall, Harry Gregory—3.
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## RESTORED:

Morse, Amos Clark	Smith, Adrian Russell—2.
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## WITHDRAWN:

Ellis, Henry Hiram	Morse, Amos Clark—2.
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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Baker, George Frank	Hughes, David	Plummer, Harry Wilkinson
Farwell, William Havard	Louderback, And. Anderson	Stoutenborough, John H—7.
Graham, Monkhouse		

## DIED:

Graves, Samuel	Otto, Charles	Rosekrans, Hiram—3.
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## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	230	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted.....	8	Suspended for non-payment dues.	7
Affiliated.....	2	Died.....	3
Restored.....	2—242.	Now borne upon the roll.....	230—242



## NEVADA CHAPTER No. 6.

Nevada, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Halstead Stansfield, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Charles McElvy, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Francis Marion Hathaway, <i>King</i> ,	William Gilbert Richards, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
John McBrown, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Kaskil Casper, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Philip Richards, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Mason Buffington, Jr., <i>Mas. 2d Val</i> ,
John Herbert Boardman, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Barton, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Ianthis Jerome Rolfe, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Holmes, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Thos. H. Caswell, <i>P. G. H. P.</i>	Thomas Mein,	Ianthis Jerome Rolfe.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Brown, John Earl	Holland, Jacob La Fayette	Preston, Edward Myers
Crandall, Orman	Long, William David	Reid, James
Dickson, John Hutton	Marsh, Daniel	Roberts, William Anderson
Dill, John	Marsh, Martin Luther	Rose, David
Donald, James	McBean, John	Rose, James
Duryea, William Henry	McNulty, Henry	Sanders, Josiah
Ennis, Franklin	Montgomery, John	Searls, Niles
Faull, George Henry	Naffziger, Jacob	Shaw, George Crawford
Fleming, Jos. Davenport	Nelson, Ole Amos	Siddles, Milan Burchard
Floyd, William	Niles, Addison Cook	Stowers, Nathaniel Henry
Goldsmith, Abraham	Payne, Jeremiah Newton	Tilley, Edwin
Hale, Horace	Pease, Sanford Orrin	Williamson, Levi—52.
Hampton, Elisha	Powers, George S	

## RESTORED:

McBrown, John—1.

## PAST MASTER:

Chapman, Lucius Homer—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Sargent, Aaron Augustus Wing, Rodney—2.

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Gentry, Richard Benton—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	53	Withdrawn.....	2
Affiliated.....	1	Suspended for non-payment dues...	1
Restored.....	1—55.	Now borne upon the roll.....	52—55.

## BENICIA CHAPTER, No. 7.

Benicia, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

George Poor, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Wm. Robert Campbell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas McKay, <i>King</i> ,	John Shafenberger, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Murdock McArthur, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Edw'd Horatio Von Pfister, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
John Reuger, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Joseph Green Johnson, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
Charles Spalding, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Archibald McDonell, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Timothy Sage, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Robert Stuart, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priest:**

Timothy Sage.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Danforth, Edwin	Mathewson, John	McKenzie, Allan
Long, Michael Henry	Mathewson, William	Misner, Lansing Bond—18.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report .....	17	Now borne upon the roll.....	18.
Affiliated.....	1—18.		

**SHASTA CHAPTER, No. 9.**

Shasta, Shasta County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each Month.***OFFICERS:**

Adolph Dobrowsky, <i>High Priest,</i>	Daniel Porter Bystle, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Elijah Mason Dixon, <i>King,</i>	Edwin Leland Baldwin, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Elbridge Garry Parker, <i>Scribe,</i>	Herman Frederick Ross, <i>Master 3d Val,</i>
Gunter Fred'k Chas. Schroeter, <i>Treas.,</i>	James Freeman Scammon, <i>Master 2d Val,</i>
William Ely Hopping, <i>Secretary,</i>	John William Garden, <i>Master 1st Val,</i>
Mortimer Chesberry Allen, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Ulysses Richard Lord, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Adolph Dobrowsky,	Daniel Porter Bystle,	Joseph Weil.
George Carruth Farquahar,	Louis Wellendorf,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Anderson, Charles	Nichols, James Levin	Shuffleton, Hugh Hall
Andrew, William	Overmeyer, Charles Edwin	Souter, John
Andrews, Alex. Robertson	Pryor, Athanasius	Swain, Alex. Cartwright
Chappell, James Nathan	Recardo, John D	Sweet, Henry Andrew
Coleman, Adorum	Reagan, James	Syme, John
Guptill, William Neal	Reinecke, Christopher	Taylor, Holloway
Leiter, Julius	Reynolds, John Edward	Webb, John Paxton
Martin, Rufus Franklin	Saulon, Andrea	Weil, David
Matlock, David B	Scott, John Varner	Weil, Sigmond
Mitchell, Marshal Alex.	Shearin, Daniel Thomas	Wimmer, James Mores—46.
Moore, Joseph		

**PAST MASTERS:**

Averill, George Warren	Lodge, Robert James—2.
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**EXPELLED:**

Higgins, William Thomas—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	44	Expelled.....	1
Exalted.....	3—47.	Now borne upon the roll.....	46—47.

**SUTTER CHAPTER, NO. 11.****Sutter Creek, Amador County.***Stated Meetings, third Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Lithgow, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Wallace Kay, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Thomas Dunlap, <i>King</i> ,	Morris Brinn, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Robert Robinson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Robert Redpath, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Vincent Lutnesky, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	David Anderson Patterson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Alonzo King Dudley, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Oulds, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John McDougal Post, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Jelesmina, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Alvinza Hayward,	Robert Aitkin,	John Lithgow.
John Whitten Surface,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Adams, James	Gunsolus, William Henry	Robertson, Peter Sterling
Adams, John Quincy	Hall, Henry Frank	Russell, John Elisha
Allen, George	Houston, John Weakley	Spagnolia, Sylv'r Giovanni
Bennetts, William Arthur	Isaacs, Bernard	Spagnolia, Benedito
Berryman, Andrew	Marchant, John	Steinberger, John Adam
Campbell, John Miss	McLaine, Laughlin	Stewart, James Franklin
Clute, Peter Alonzo	Manon, Samuel Sandford	Stewart, Samuel Deount R.
Coolidge, Walter Scott	McMurray, James William	Stevens, James Bounty
Cosner, Robert	Milliken, Jesse	Sutherland, William
Davies, David Thomas	Miller, John	Surface, James Phillip
Fagan, Peter	Newman, George	Taber, Frederick Ketchum
Farley, James Thompson	Poundstone, Laurence Ryder	Welch, Wm. Henry Seward
Ford, Henry Dar ell	Purinton, Columbus Allen	Whitlach, Daniel Henry
Frates, Frank	Reardon, John	—56.

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:**

Richardson, Lorenzo Cornelius—1.

**PAST MASTER:**

Perkins, John Dabney—1.

**MARK MASTER:**

Templeton, Isaac Newton—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Callaway, Abner Edward

Robinson, John Andrew—2.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Ellis, Volney Eaton

Maxey, Jesse Blackburn

Walther, Otto—5.

Henley, Jonathan Specker

Palmer, Eliphalet Charles

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	58	Withdrawn.....	2
Exalted .....	4	Suspended for non-payment dues.	5
Affiliated.....	1—63.	Now borne upon the roll.....	56—63.

**MERCED CHAPTER, No. 12.****Merced, Merced County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Hiram Newton Rucker, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Adolph Simon, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Arthur Homer Dauchy, <i>King</i> ,	Geo. Hardwick Barfield, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Silas Wright Geis, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Richard Langbien, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Isaac Henry Jacobs, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Ebenezer Maxwell Stoddard, <i>Mas. 2d Vail</i> ,
Aaron Badt, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Lewis Nilman, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William John Hart, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Thomas Hall, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Charles Macmurdo Blair,	John Kirk Bernard,	Adolph Simon.
Mark Howell,	Samuel Claghorn Bates,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Adams, William	Coffman, William Franklin	Means, William Leland
Becker, Frederick	Crittenden, John Leander	Meany, Anthony James
Bradford, Abram Clark	Grade, William Adolph	Moore, Edwin
Breen, Nicholas	Hardwick, William Jeffer'n	Rose, Henry Christopher
Bibby, Nicholas	Harris, Charles Parsons	Stoneroad, George Washt'n
Burton, Thomas Newton	Howeth, Nelson	Wynn, William—36.
Chapman, Emery Washin'n	Jones, Lewis Fuller	

**PAST MASTERS:**

Jacobs, Elias	Thomas, Grayson Yancey—2.	Stoneroad, George Washington—1.
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**RESTORED:****RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	33	Now borne upon the roll.....	36.
Exalted.....	2		
Restored.....	1—36.		

**WASHINGTON CHAPTER, No. 13.****Marysville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Henry Charles Lott, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Lemuel Trescott Crane, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Henry Gerkin, <i>King</i> ,	Frederick Buttelmann, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Ernest Briceno Thompson, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Hiram Franklin Deaner, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Adoniram Judson Batchelder, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Augustus Amil Kosby, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Richard Goss Stanwood, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Jeremiah Andrew Saul, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Frederick Low Krause, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Amos Fisher, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

William Lee Lawrence,	Charles E Stone,	Lemuel Trescott Crane,
Norman Dunning Rideout,	Frederick Buttelmann,	Thomas Hugh Steel.
Edmund Taylor Wilkins,		

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Aaron, Frank.Wm. Howard	Harrold, Ebenezer Nelson	McNutt, John Flemming
Baird, George Hall	Hochstadter, Adolph	Meek, Emerson Emmett
Barnes, Avery Powers	Hochstadter, Simon	Millar, Robert
Barrie, John Ferguson	Holland, Crawford	Millar, Thomas Boyd
Barthe, Eugene	Holland, George	North, George
Belcher, Isaac Sawyer	Hollingshead, Jos. Easton	Oakley, Amasa Wilder
Belcher, William Caldwell	Hortop, Philip	Parks, William Henry
Belding, Lyman	Hudson, Edward Henry	Parkhurst, Lorenzo Dow
Bingham, Atkins Clark	Hunter, William	Peffer, John
Bometter, Charles	Hutchins, Gavin Walker	Reece, Thomas White
Bradley, Samuel Henry	Hutchinson, Samuel	Rogers, Sam'l Josiah Smith
Caldwell, Arthur Brooks	Jasper, Jos. M. Carrington	Ross, Samuel Haws
Carpenter, Geo.Washington	Jones, William Price	Slingsby, William
Clark, Levi Blasdell	Jones, James Thaddeus	Stafford, Joshua
Crooks, John Edwin	Jones, Richard	Stratton, Cornelius Allen
Davis, Edwin Amenzo	Kernan, Thomas Hugh	Sullivan, John Lyon
Decker, Peter	Keser, Louis	Swain, William Caldwell
Depuy, Edward Spencer	Keymer, James	Teegarden, Eli
Dickey, James Thomas	Keyser, Philip Walter	Thom, David, Jr.
Dougall, Thomas	Knight, David Edgar	Tomb, Jacob
Earnshields, Victor Lewis	Kopf, Claus	Van Fleet, William
Eastman, James Frederick	Lask, Joseph	Walton, Benjamin Franklin
Ellis, William Turner	Logan, Anderson Dabney	White, Amasa Willey
Flint, Joseph A	Marcuse, Meyer A	Whitebread, William Cezar
Friend, William	Marcuse, Marcus	Wightman, Avery Isaac
Gianella, Vincenzo	Marker, Henry Bowman	Wilcoxon, Caleb Elisha
Hamlin, Norman Scott	Matteson, Charles	Willey, Amasa Parker
Harrington, Chris. Clark	McKenzie, James Buchanan	Wilson, Sanford Ellis—101.

## MARK MASTERS :

Fuller, Jesse Beach	McCargar, Harman	Soderland, Johannes—3.
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## WITHDRAWN :

Belcher, Edward Augustus	Fletcher, William	Patterson, Charles Milton—3.
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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

McKeehan, Iremons Hinckle	Rhay, Edward—2.
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## DIED :

Lockwood, Ebenezer Jay	Lohse, Hermann—2.
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## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	103	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....	4	Suspended for non-payment dues	2
Affiliated.....	1—108.	Died . . . . .	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	101—108.

**HOWARD CHAPTER, No. 14.****San Jose, Santa Clara County.***Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wilson Hays, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wilbur Justus Wilcox, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Samuel Watson Boring, <i>King,</i>	Andrew Finley McAfee, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Lorkin Woodrow, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Osman Breyfogle, <i>Mas. 3d Vail,</i>
William De Witt Tisdale, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Fred Sanford Coffin, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Elisha Lighthall, <i>Secretary,</i>	William Winfield Blanchard, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Daniel C Dunn, <i>Captain of Host,</i>	Jacob Moser, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Wm. Alex. January, <i>P.G.H.P.</i>	Wilbur Justus Wilcox,	William Osman Breyfogle,
George May,	Henry Howard Cook,	Wilson Hays.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Andrews, Hardage Lane	Jackson, William Andrew	Reither, Jacob
Arnold, Austin	Keith, John Matthew	Roberts, Return
Arnold, Charles Henry	Laine, Thomas Henry	Rowley, Albanus Bellger
Bennett, George Edmund	Lenzen, Theodore	Rucker, Joseph Edmundson
Bishop, Samuel Addison	Lowrie, John	Sargent, James Pattee
Black, James Francis	Mann, Orrin Francis	Sexton, William
Blair, Thomas Henry	Marston, Samuel Ingersoll	Scott, Alexander Franklin
Bradlee, Ezra Smith	Martin, William Joseph	Shaw, Joseph Nathan
Bray, George	Mayers, Christian	Sim, George
Brown, Jeremiah Yancy	McClosky, Thomas	Stephens, Columbus Cecil
Castle, Alex. Wilson	McDougall, Giles Eggleston	Stockton, Nathaniel Hiram
Coffin, Christop'r Columbus	McKee, Geo. Butterfield	Spring, Thaddeus Warsaw
Daugherty, Wm. Wallace	McMurtry, William Sharpe	Vandine, Eben
Ellis, William Frederick	Middleton, Joseph Traill	Warthen, Albert
Fallon, Thomas	Morey, Harvey Chapin	Weller, Henry Olp
Gerdes, John Christian	Mott, John	Wells, Proctor R.
Hamilton, Alonzo Babbitt	Moyle, Isaiah	Weymouth, James Lambert
Haydock, William Henry	Northern, William Leander	Whidden, George Ackerman
Hollis, William Henry	Ohnstein, Oscar	Williams, Edward
Hopkins, Isaiah Litler	Peacock, Geo. Washington	Yates, Lorenzo Gordin—75.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Buzza, John Trebilcock	McLucas, Alexander	Sturges, Mahlon Beach
Headen, George Thomas	Pritchard, Edward	Tully, Edward Chaffin—6.

**EXCLUDED:**

Howard, Volney—1.

**DIED:**

Ackerly, William Oliver—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....75	Withdrawn.....6
Exalted.....7	Excluded.....1
Affiliated.....1—83.	Died.....1
	New borne upon the roll.....75—83.

## CYRUS CHAPTER, NO. 15.

Yreka, Siskiyou County.

*Stated Meetings, second Tuesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Louis Constantine Huseman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Vance, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Samuel White, <i>King</i> ,	Curtis Hooper Pyle, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
David Horn, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Andrew Edw'd Schwatka, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William McConnell, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Francis, Riley, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Pellet, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Francis Dumas, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Alonzo Emery Raynes, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Claus Schnackenberg, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Daniel Ream,	James Vance,	John Morris Walbridge.
Abisha Swain,	Alonzo Emery Raynes,	John William Bird.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Amos, Thomas	Durand, George	Osterman, Jorgen
Brown, Alex. Mitchell	Eddy, William Castleton	Owens, Alexander
Carrick, Elijah	Fabricius, Andrew Jackson	Rogers, Franklin Augustus
Crooks, Andrew Donaldson	Jones, John Johnson	Rostetter, George
Diggles, James Alden	Knight, George Horace	Shaw, David Henry—33.
Doten, Josiah Wilson	Nichols, Henry	

## WITHDRAWN:

Hansen, Hans	Wadsworth, Henry—2.
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## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	35—35.	Withdrawn.....	2
		Now borne upon the roll.....	33—35.

## ST. JAMES CHAPTER, No. 16.

Placerville, El Dorado County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

George Heirn Gilbert, <i>High Priest</i> ,	George Burnham, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Andrew Thompson Culbertson, <i>King</i> ,	Chas. Fitzgerald Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Samuel Jemison Alden, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Andrew Jackson Kennedy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Guiseppe Roller, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John William Deuch, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Frederick Ferdinand Baras, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Marco Varozza, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Chas. Henry Weatherwax, <i>C. of the Host</i> ,	Charles John Arvidsson, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Frederick Ferdinand Baras,	Charles Fitzgerald Irwin,	George Heirn Gilbert.
Robert Chalmers,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Avansino, Nicola	Fraser, Thomas	Norton, Daniel E.
Barlow, Geo. Washington	Gelwicks, Daniel William	Page, Horace Francis
Blakely, Alburn Jackson	Hamel, Henry	Peirce, Charles Caleb
Blanchard, Geo. Granville	Hume, James Bunyan	Plumado, Francis Hilair
Bowe, Edward Young	Hunger, Frederick	Schneider, John
Celio, Carlo Guiseppi	Mack, George Franklin	Theisen, John
Cocking, Stephen	Miller, Daniel Rice	Van Voorhies, Ralph Jos'h
Danz, Paul		—35.

## DIED:

Lohry, Adam—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....36	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....35—36.

## LIBANUS CHAPTER, No. 17.

Iowa Hill, Placer County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

John Floyd Van Divier, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Albert Parah Smiley, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Edward George Spencer, <i>King</i> ,	William Smith, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Byron Carder, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Henry Hammill, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
Truman Allen Stevens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Stemple, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
William Clinton Rich, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Jones, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
James Jasper Rich, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Chester Hackett, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

William Clinton Rich,	James Ross,	John Floyd Van Divier.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barrett, Adams	Hyman, Samuel	Mill, William
Bisbee, John Gould	Ingersoll, Darius	Mitchell, Edward
Chinn, James Weeks	Jacobs, James Munroe	Mitchell, John Henry
Christy, William	Jones, Owen	Smith, Jonathan Mitchell
Coker, Gould Carlton	Juergensen, Peter Nicolai	Vaughan, Daniel Jackson
Develey, Henry K.	Just, John Peter	White, William King
Gould, Willis Fish	Lewis, Robert	Wolfe, William Green—35.
Hobson, John Beaugard		

## WITHDRAWN:

Butler, John—1.

## DIED:

Schmitt, John—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....35	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....2—37.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....35—37.



## GRASS VALLEY CHAPTER, No. 18.

Grass Valley, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Crisp Coleman, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas John Mitchell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Peter Johnston, <i>King</i> ,	Theodore Henry Wilhelm, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Alphonso Morehouse, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Champion, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Coleman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Vincent, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
George Washington Hill, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Herman Uphoff, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Gordon Hudson, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Edward Houston Whiting, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Alfred Barrett Dibble,	Alex'r Buchanan Brady,	Reuben Leach,
William McCormick,	Edward Coleman,	John Crisp Coleman.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Robert	Gad, Bernard	Noel, James Clymer
Andrews, James	Gluyas, James	Noonan, Patrick
Angove, John	Granger, Samuel	Pears, Joseph
Bennallack, James	Halleck, Joseph	Polglose, John
Berriman, Henry	Hand, William Dawson	Price, Briscoe Hugh
Binkelman, David	Hand, William Henry	Rhatigan, John
Bryant, David	Hatch, Martin Payne	Roberts, Edmund Wilson
Bryant, William Henry	Hooper, James	Roland, Louis Jerome
Burnie, Alexander	Husom, Andrew	Sanders, John
Oaddy, Richard	Jones, William O	Saxon, Edward
Catron, William	Kemp, Robert	Saxon, James
Clift, William	Kendig, Daniel	Smith, Charles Woolson
Clough, Jonathan Converse	Loney, Christopher	Spencer, William Kenyon
Coombs, William	Long, Stephen	Stoddard, Alexander
Coombe, William	Lowrey, Richard Daniel	Stoddard, Orlando
Crocker, John Ross	Majors, John Newton	Stoddard, Walter Scott
Dorsey, John Jacob	Mitchell, William Henry	Stokes, William Charles
Douglass, William	Mitchell, Charles Henry	Vogelman, Henry
Dunston, William	Moore, Stephen	Walker, Thomas Bolla
Fairhurst, Geo. Washington	Noel, Richard	Williams, Henry—77.
Fricot, Jules		

## RESTORED:

Wood, Thomas Macauley—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Wood, Thomas Macauley—1.

## EXCLUDED:

Boniviert, Paschal Joseph	Harris, Stephen Mitchell	Lawrence, John—3.
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## DIED:

Thompson, John Burns—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....80	Withdrawn.....1
Affiliated.....1	Excluded.....3
Restored.....1—82.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....77—82.

**TRINITY CHAPTER, No. 19.****Weaverville, Trinity County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Wiley James Tinnin, <i>High Priest,</i>	John William Philbrook, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
James Harvey, <i>King,</i>	Joel Chilton Wood, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
William Spencer Lowden, <i>Scribe,</i>	Peter Paulsen, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Otto Vollmers, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Belty Essick, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Morris Franklin Griffin, <i>Secretary,</i>	David Harden, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
James Madison Pickett, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	John Henry Bremer, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

John Clifton Mason,	Wiley James Tinnin,	James Harvey.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Black, Peter Paterson	Hosmer, Nelson	Raab, Louis F
Diener, Gottlieb Frederick	Lowden, Marshall Horace	Rowles, James
Eastman, Charles	McMurry, John	Smiley, John Wesley
Given, William Cushing	Miller, Thomas Love	Smith, Champion W
Haas, Gottlieb Frederick	Musser, John	Van Matre, George
Harvey, Alfred	Paulsen, Jacob	Whitebread, Adolph—31.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....31. Now borne upon the roll.....31.

**FRANKLIN CHAPTER, No. 20.****Oroville, Butte County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Thursdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Hart Wilcox, <i>High Priest,</i>	Wallace Homer Chappell, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Lewis Aaron Simon, <i>King,</i>	Louis Wilhelm Hoops, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
William Edmunds, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Featherstone, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Ralzemond Parker, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thibaud Heintz, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Arthur McDermott, <i>Secretary,</i>	Frederick Adams Sprague, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
John Carleton Gray, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	John Constantine Mitchell, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Thomas Oallow,	George Clement Perkins,	Thomas Jarrett Jenkins,
Charles Fayette Lott,	Arthur McDermott,	George Henry Crosette.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Bayles, David	Davis, Edward Jennings	Hays, David Bright
Beall, John	Davis, Samuel Joshua	Hendricks, Thomas Pollock
Bloch, Joseph	Dyer, George Washington	Hewett, John Boughton
Branscom, John	Faulkner, Thomas	Hida, Jehu
Buchanan, Phil. Goodridge	Fleming, Thomas Robert	Hundley, Patrick Ogilby
Burrongs, Charles	Glass, Louis	Hutchings, Thomas Boyd
Butler, Charles Frederick	Goodday, Louis	Lawson, Andrew Jackson
Byler, Eldridge Mallard	Grubbs, Richard Champion	Logan, James Columbus

## RETURNS OF SUBORDINATE CHAPTERS

McDermott, William Patrick Powell, David	Taber, Floyd
Meredith, John Robert	Pratt, Enoch Henry
Mortimer, George	Ruggles, Elijah Star
Perkins, David King	Stearns, Amos Kies
Plum, Nathaniel Dunbar	Wagner, Frank
	Wells, Michael Henry
	Young, Henry G—54.

## PAST MASTER:

Hartson, Charles Gardner—1.

## MARK MASTER:

Kitchen, Isaac Warren—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Shear, George—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....55—55. Withdrawn..... 1  
 Now borne upon the roll.....54—55.

## SIERRA CHAPTER, No. 21.

Downieville, Sierra County.

*Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

William Thompson Luther, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Benjamin Pauly, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Lewis Byington, <i>King</i> ,	George O. Martin, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Brown Crooks, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Valentine Hartling, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Henry Haddon Purdy, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Jacob Lewis, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Ryan, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John August Blohm, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Henry Strange, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	—————, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Henry Warner,	William Thompson Luther,	Washington Cicero Doud.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Abbe, George Henry	Jones, John Oscar	Thomas, Henry
Bernhardt, Lewis	Malone, Rowland Cusin	Wallis, Hiram Wilsey
Bradbury, John T.	McGregor, James	Wayland, William Allen
Busch, August Christopher	McNaughton, James	West, John Thorrensues
Clute, John Howard	Peacock, James Richard	Weir, Hiram George
Ellery, Henry, Jr.	Ross, John	Wilcox, Schuyler Nind
Erschbacher, Franz Antone	Stewart, Samuel Curtis	Wilkins, William
Gale, John	Thatcher, Peter	Williams, Thomas—39.
Hanley, William A.	Thom, Alexander	

## PAST MASTER:

Whitney, David Livingstone—1.

## RESTORED:

Doud, Washington Cicero—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....36  
 Exalted..... 2  
 Restored..... 1—39. Now borne upon the roll..... 39.

**PETALUMA CHAPTER, No. 22.****Petaluma, Sonoma County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William Barnabas Haskell, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Miles Henry Falkner, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Joseph Alonzo Wiswell, <i>King</i> ,	William Emery Cox, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Alexander Lackey, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Geo. Washington Zartman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Zartman, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Dolphe Brice Fairbanks, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Josiah Hor Crane, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Platt Benedict Gilbert, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Thomas Robert Jacobs, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Samuel Keays, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

James Singley,	Benjamin Franklin Tuttle,	Marcus Dyatheka Goshen.
Thomas Jefferson Graham,	Oscar Valentine Walker,	

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Baur, John	Hill, William	Scudder, Noah William
Bean, Asahel Adams	Kahn, Achille	Tempel, Conrad
Bibler, William	Knowles, James Hulme	Thompson, Jefferson Asberry
Bonetti, Luca	Lewis, John Bacon	Tomasini, Louis
Bowles, Joseph Martin	McClymonds, John William	Tomasini, Juliano
Brainard, Henry Payne	Merritt, John	Tomasini, Matteo
Cavanagh, John	Moffit, John	Veale, William Roe
Christie, John Boyd	Pedrazzini, Louis	Van Doren, John Suydam
Cox, William Edwin	Pierce, Abraham Jewell	Walter, Isaac M
Dreyfuss, Edward	Poehlmann, Conrad	Wickersham, Jesse C
Fairbanks, Hiram Tobbert	Polk, Charles Ephraim	Whitney, Albion Parris
Grandi, Salvatore	Rugg, William Hazen	Yeomans, Charles
Haubrick, Leonard	Schroyer, Aaron	Zook, Francis Kurts—57.
Heineken, Herman Albert		

**MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:**

Dinwiddie, James Lockridge—1.

**MARK MASTERS:**

Collins, Franklin Miller	Mitchener, Jonathan—2.
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**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Allen, William Thomas	Taft, Hiram Fayette	Young, Henry Joseph—3.
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**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....51	Suspended for non-payment dues. 3
Exalted.....9—60.	Now borne upon the roll.....57—60.

**OLIVER CHAPTER, No. 23.****Forest Hill, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Joel Franklin Smith, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Tickel, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Charles Trafton, <i>King,</i>	John E. Allen, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Jacob Locke Welker, <i>Scribe,</i>	James Hodges, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Thomas Norwood Hosmer, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Christian Volland, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Peyton Powell, <i>Secretary,</i>	Abner W. Goff, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Charles Hitchcock Dewey, <i>Capt. of Host,</i>	Louis Blumenthal, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

James Russell Glover,	Joel Franklin Smith.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allen, Erskine	Fast, John Henry Adolph	White, Walter Raleigh
Breece, Abram	Huntley, Asabel	Willard, Simeon Sylvester
Byrd, Jacob Warwick	Jones, John D.	Williams, Richard—24.
Carter, John Franklin	Lynd, Charles	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Parkhurst, Russell--1.

**DIED:**

Hosmer, Daniel Mansfield--1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	26--26.	Withdrawn .....	1
		Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	24 - 26.

**LA FAYETTE CHAPTER, No. 24.****Comptonville, Yuba County.***Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Richard Munt, <i>High Priest,</i>	John George McLellan, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Carlos Frederick Mansur, <i>King,</i>	Valentine Cook McMurray, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
William Alexander Meek, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Moore, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Josiah Perkins Brown, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Thomas Phillips, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Arthur Gardner Miller, <i>Secretary,</i>	Otis Nelson Marrow, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
David Calvin, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Peter Russell, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Josiah Perkins Brown,	Richard Munt,	Valentine Cook McMurray.
John George McLellan,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Arnott, James	Elias, Isaac	Nelson, James
Baker, Richard	Gibson, William Walker	Smith, Henry
Beaman, John Henry	Landecker, David Henry	Spencer, Stephen--23.
Covey, Eugene Beauharnais	McLellan, Charles	

**DIED:**

Fuller, Joseph Henry—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....22      Died..... 1  
 Exalted..... 2—24.      Now borne upon the roll.....23—24.

**GEORGETOWN CHAPTER, No. 25.****Georgetown, El Dorado County.***Stated Meetings, Saturday of or next succeeding Full Moon.***OFFICERS:**

Ellison Lassell Crawford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Samuel Doncaster, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Solomon Adam Berry, <i>King</i> ,	Frederick Largeson, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
De Witt Clinton Benjamin, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Giosni Bassi, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Elijah Harper Watson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Grove Maltby, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Tinsley Burton Epps, <i>Secretary</i> ,	George Washington Simpser, <i>M'r 1st Vail</i> ,
Henry Warren Russell, <i>Captain of Host</i> ,	John Paul Jones Davison, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

William Roush,	Henry Warren Russell,	James Moon,
John Ernest Kunkler,	John Dodd Skinner,	Ellison Lassell Crawford.
Samuel Doncaster,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Anderson, William Carey	Fleishman, Jacob	Pedrini, Cipriano
Carter, John Elliot	Jackson, Isaac Priestly	Pedrini, Massimino
Downs, John Loller	Jillson, Emmett	Spencer, Willis Eugene
Dunahoo, Wm. Washington	Jones, Thomas Edward	Wade, John—30.
Filippini, Rinaldo	Pease, Edwin R	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Markle, John Alexander      McNevin, Henry Patrick—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....31      Withdrawn..... 2  
 Omitted in former reports..... 1—32.      Now borne upon the roll .....30—32.

**OAKLAND CHAPTER, No. 26.****Oakland, Alameda County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Todd Gardiner, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Daniel Henry Everett, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
James Lentell, <i>King</i> ,	John Carleton Marsh, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Isaac Daniel Ryttenberg, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Albert Atwater McKeen, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Hirshberg, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Henry Troy, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Frank Howard Brooks, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Henry Elisha Hitchcock, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Burt Clayton, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Alexander Gemmell, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Jeremiah Elkins Whitcher, Thatcher Peter Wales, James Todd Gardiner.  
Benjamin Akerly, William Burt Clayton,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Ayer, Isaac	Francis, Samuel	McKenzie, William Williams
Ayers, William Henry	Glascock, John Raglan	Newsom, John J
Baker, Peter	Greenhood, Jacob	Nolan, Stephen
Bennison, George Edward	Hall, Joseph Lee	Rasmussen, Hans
Blair, George Washington	Harwood, Wm. Douglass	Reid, Charles Wood
Broad, Charles	Henninger, Frederick	Reinstadtler, Francois
Brooks, James Marcus	Hirschfeld, Ferdinand	Roth, John
Burner, John Davies	Irwin, John Clark	Shattuck, Francis Kittridge
Clark, Marion	Janssen, Ernst F. George	Shiman, John Lewis
Cordes, Paul Henry	Kennedy, William	Simpson, George
Delger, Frederick	Kerr, Louis Carmick	Warner, Franklin
Dieves, Joseph	Lloyd, Robert	Williams, Marc Anthony
Estrada, Frederick	Mann, Benjamin Franklin	Williams, Nicholas
Evers, John Henry	Marr, Archibald Campbell	Wunderlich, John Peter- 58.
Ferguson, Henry James		

**PAST MASTER:**

Goodman, George—1.

**RESTORED:**

Ayers, William Henry—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Haelke, Hellwig Leopold

Hill, William Henry—2.

**EXCLUDED:**

Conly, Charles—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Chapman, Lemuel Gulliver

Farwell, George Elliott—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....59	Withdrawn..... 2
Exalted..... 3	Excluded..... 1
Restored..... 1—63.	Suspended for non-payment dues. 2
	Now borne upon the roll.....58—63.

**DELTA CHAPTER, No. 27.****Auburn, Placer County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday succeeding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Thompson Kinkade, <i>High Priest,</i>	John Robert Winders, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
George Wallace Applegate, <i>King,</i>	Jas. Penprarya M. Phillips, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Griffith Griffith, <i>Scribe,</i>	Benj. Dulaney Dunham, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Orrin Whitcomb Hollenbeck, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Joseph Eva Phillips, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
David Wlademer Lubeck, <i>Secretary,</i>	Robert William Roberts, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Charles John Hellwig, <i>Captain of Host,</i>	Matts Sundhold, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

John Riggs Crandall,

Charles John Hellwig,

John Thompson Kinkade.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barter, William	Fulweiler, John Matthias	Rusing, Edward S
Borland, James	Harper, Thomas Burrill	Schuetze, Albert Henry
Burchard, James Philo	Ketchum, Marvin	Schuetze, Wm. Frederick
Coleman, Timothy	Levison, Isidor	Severance, William Wallace
Connor, John Michael	Lux, Francis Antone	Skackleton, Edgar Levering
Curl, Louis	McBride, John	Shepherd, Harper Michael
Curtis, Henry Chittendon	Mears, Josiah	Smith, Edward Guy
Dickinson, Thomas	Mullen, William Henry	Taylor, John Nay
Du Bois, Pierre Cheesman	Pratt, Jonathan Davis	Whittemore, Adrian Story
Ertle, John	Predmore, Gera Bretton	—42.

## RESTORED:

Pratt, Jonathan Davis—1.

## DIED:

Holle, Edward Frederick—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....40	Died.....1
Exalted.....2	Now borne upon the roll.....42—43.
Restored.....1—43.	

## STOCKTON CHAPTER, No. 28.

Stockton, San Joaquin County.

*Stated Meetings, fourth Tuesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Doran Lucius Campbell, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Frederick Macondray West, <i>Prin. Sec.</i> ,
John Allen Hosmer, <i>King</i> ,	William Samuel Buckley, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Henry Coffin Shaw, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Henry Ephraim Robbins, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Richards Hedges, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Bruce Harrison, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edward Scott, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Caine, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Joseph Fyfe, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Robert Scott Jackson, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Gilbert Burnett Claiborne,	Thomas Kent Hook,	Geo. Alex. McKenzie,
Edward Richards Hedges,	Alexander Chalmers,	Isaac Lothrop.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Bargion, Peter	Fraser, Philip Barry	Langford, Benj. Franklin
Barnes, Harvey Stevens	French, Abel Claypool P.	Lyon, Lemuel Elisha
Batchelder, Benj. Pierce	Gardner, Thomas M	Milco, Nicola
Belding, Charles	Graham, William	Misener, Norman Sumner
Berry, Frederick T	Harrold, Nathaniel Siggins	Newell, Timothy Winn
Bond, Morris Hartwell	Hickman, Edward	Orr, Nelson Mills
Brown, Philip Thomas	Hildreth, George Francis	Paulk, Charles Cyrus
Brutschy, Charles	Hodgkins, Henry	Peters, Joseph D
Castle, Christ'r Champlin	Hughes, Henry John	Phelps, Joseph Larose
Cavis, Joseph Mills	Jamieson, And. Robertson	Ranney, Sullivan
Daniels, James Moore	Jockers, David	Requa, James Edgar
Eldridge, Edward Duane	Kerr, Benjamin Eadie	Shurtleff, George Augustus
Evans, George Spofford	Kinsley, Charles Nichols	Smith, George Falkenb'h
Fanning, Howard Malcomb	Kirkland, William	Smith, James Cadwell



Stewart, Frank	Thresher, Minord Sprague	Vance, John Anderson
Stockton, Elias Alonzo	Tilghman, George	Waterman, Sylvanus Dexter
Swain, Cornelius	Thompson, John William	Woods, John Newton
Taylor, Hugh Woodruff	Tucker, Frederick Man	Yardely, John—71.

## RESTORED:

Newell, Timothy Winn	Thresher, Minord Sprague	Waterman, Sylvanus Dexter
Smith, James Cadwell		—4.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....64	Now borne upon the roll.....71.
Exalted.....3	
Restored.....4—71.	

## MANZANITA CHAPTER, No. 29.

North San Juan, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

John Storer McBride, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Frank Napoleon Morris, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Charles Edward Lancaster, <i>King</i> ,	Richard Samuel Lisson, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
William Dunning, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William James Rogers, <i>Master 3d Val.</i> ,
John German, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Aphek Lorenzo Woodruff, <i>Master 2d Val.</i> ,
Elon White, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Billing, <i>Master 1st Val.</i>
John Trood, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Joseph Gordon Dickson, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

John Ambrose Seely,	John Storer McBride.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Atwater, Henry	Germiquet, Louis Adolph	Morgan, John Thomas
Ayer, Leonard Barney	Harris, Jarred Junius	Netter, Nathan
Bank, Frederick William	Harris, Thomas	Pascoe, Erasmus
Bell, Francis Hiram	Hawley, Oscar Franklin	Phillips, Reubin
Beard, James Edward	Helwig, John Henry	Reddington, James
Buhring, Louis	Henderson, Duncan	Rich, Henry Hudson
Butler, Patrick Henry	Hickman, John Clayborne	Scheuerman, Charles
Bristow, William	Huff, William	Spooner, George Cummings
Oadwallader, Niram	Inder, Job Staples	Stone, John
Chisholm, James	Jepsen, Christian Otto	Stokes, David
Courter, Henry Farley	Jepsen, Jacob	Swan, Anson Burlingame
Cull, Henry	Lewellyn, Daniel	Thomas, Richard
Cunard, James Henry	McCoy, John	Treanor, James McWade
Devis, William Morgan	McCullough, James	Trood, William
Freeman, Thomas	McIntire, James Lamberton	Tucker, Joseph Bernard
Furth, Simon	McMurray, Robert	Williams, William William

—61.

## PAST MASTERS:

Jones, William Arthur	Wood, Washington—2.
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## WITHDRAWN:

## EXCLUDED:

## DIED:

Noblet, William Berry—1.	Bremond, Camille Gustave—1.	Bell, Vincent George—1.
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## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....60	Withdrawn .....1
Exalted.....3	Excluded.....1
Restored.....1—64.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....61—64.

**NAPA CHAPTER, No. 30.****Napa, Napa County.***Stated Meetings, second and fourth Fridays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Ray Gritman, <i>High Priest,</i>	William Bradford, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Bebbee Robinson, <i>King,</i>	Daniel Burrell Parks, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
Gottardo, Bustelli, <i>Scribe,</i>	William Andrews, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Peter Van Bever, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Henry Louis Amstutz, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
David Leopold Haas, <i>Secretary,</i>	Robert Crouch, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Henry Hay Knapp, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Amos Smith Knapp, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Henry Hay Knapp,	Ralph Ellis,	William Bradford.
Robert Crouch,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Briggs, Sebra	Haas, Martin Luther	Shaw, Matthew
Brown, Jacob Barry	Hawks, John	Shurtleff, Benjamin
Carver, Dimsdill Burr	Hoover, John	Smith, William C. Schenck
Corwin, Louis Marion	Horstmeyer, Henry Conrad	Sterling, Robert Henry
Davis, James Richardson	Mecklenberg, Joseph	Tucker, Nion Robert
Drysdale, Jas. Summerfield	Miller, Francis Ashbury	Walker, Calvin Bowers
Ellis, Frederick Plummer	Sampson, Andrew	Wines, Charles Buckley
Fisher, William Frederick	Sayward, James Wheaton	Wooley, Burt Eliphas
Gottleson, Henry	Schoenewald, George	Zollner, John Ferdinand
Greer, Thomas		—41.

**RESTORED:****Mecklenberg, Joseph—1.****RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....39	Now borne upon the roll.....41.
Exalted.....1	
Restored.....1—41.	

**MARTINEZ CHAPTER, No. 31.****Martinez, Contra Costa County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

William John Douglas, <i>High Priest,</i>	Thomas Allen Brown, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer, <i>King,</i>	William Henry Buckley, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
Isidor Weiss, <i>Scribe,</i>	Solomon Newberger, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Morrill Hale, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Bernard Borach, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
George Atwood Sherman, <i>Secretary,</i>	Franz Joseph Zifferer, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Eli Robbin Chase, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Barry Baldwin, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Thomas Allen Brown,	William Morrill Hale,	Lewis Cass Wittenmeyer.
Hiram Mills,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Blum, Simon	Gray, James	Shreeve, Benjamin
Blum, Gabriel	Lambert Hiram	Slitz, John
Boyd, John Wheaton	McFayden, John	Tours, Jacobus
Brown, Warren	Miller, Charles Edward	Tucker, John
Carter, Thomas Orlando	Moore, John Adams	Turner, Benjamin Coffin
Compton, William	O'Brien, John Conlin	Wall, George
Edwards, Hugh Pugh	Rankin, James	Walker, James Toumay
Fernandez, Bernardo	Ruggles, Chas. Augustus	Wiggins, George
Fouch, John Franklin	Sheppard, Mark	Wright, Geo. Creighton
Gallagher, Henry Clay		

—41.

## MOST EXCELLENT MASTER:

De Witt, James Madison—1.

## PAST MASTER:

Wagy, Elnor B—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Girvan, William—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....37	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....5—42.	Now borne upon the roll.....41—42.

## LOS ANGELES CHAPTER, No. 33.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

*Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

James Seth Crawford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Edwin Rowan, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Abraham Wolf Edelman, <i>King</i> ,	Moritz Morris, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Henry Dwight Barrows, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Rawson Butler, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Meyer, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Martin Smith, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Prager, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Michael Edward Ryan, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Samuel Calvert Foy, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Herman Neidecken, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Abraham Wolf Edelman,	Samuel Calvert Foy,	George Hinda.
Henry Sayre Orme,	Samuel Prager,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Alexander, Henry Nash	Enz, Charles Augustus	Melton, William Jasper
Allen, Gabriel	Flanigan, Thomas Joseph	Meyberg, Moritz
Baruch, Berthold	Gross, Frederick	Moore, Walter Scott
Baruch, Jacob	Grymes, George Anderson	Narbonne, Nath'l Andrew
Bennett, Silas	Hammel, Henry	Pearson, Richmond O
Bragg, Ansel Melin	Hewitt, Eldridge Edward	Porter, Theo. Cunningham
Buffum, William Mansfield	Jacoby, Herman	Reynolds, John Jefferson
Bruning, Henry Nicholas	Jaeger, Lewis J F	Russell, Henry T
Brunson, Anson	Kidd, Wm. Henry Archibald	Ryan, Andrew William
Campbell, Al. Melancthon	Lambie, William Thomas	Smith, Charles
Davis, Philip	Lambourne, Frederick	Spence, Edward Fallis
Denker, Andrew Henry	Loew, Jacob	Weil, Jacob
Downey, John Gately	Long, Jerry	Weston, Benjamin S
Ducommon, Charles Louis	McLellan, Geo. Frederick	Yapp, Frederick George

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**PAST MASTER:**

Eckert, Robert—1.

**RESTORED:**

Foy, Samuel Calvert—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Brooks, Daniel William	Leake, Edward	Salisbury, John Caleb
Carter, Julius Munson	Levy, Michael	Stewart, Granville Quincy
Jackson, Robert Everett	Jacobs, Lewis	—8.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Hitchcock, Elijah Benton—1.

**DIED:**

Littlefield, Jonathan C.

Temple, Francis Pliny Fiske—2.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	57	Withdrawn.....	8
Exalted.....	6	Suspended for non-payment dues.	1
Affiliated.....	3	Died.....	2
Restored.....	1—67.	Now borne upon the roll.....	56—67.

**ALTURAS CHAPTER, No. 34.****La Porte, Plumas County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Charles Oliver McQuestion, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Roderick Sutherland, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
William Davis Thorn, <i>King</i> ,	Gilbert McDonald, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Carr McFarland, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Mortimer Worton, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Mark Schofield, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Dixon Brabban, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Alexander Brown, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Benjamin Jacob Sammons, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Aaron Lorenzo Dwinel, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Abel McFarland,	Maxwell Gaddis Hill,	Thomas Alonzo McFarland.
Benjamin Wilcox Barnes,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Chittenden, Henry Hatfield	Hendel, Charles William	Schultz, John Frederick
Clough, Greenleaf Greeley	Lloyd, John Preston	Small, Jacob
Cox, George Washington	McLeod, George	Smith, Charles
Descombes, Francis	Patterson, Robert Pagan	Thomas, John Hiram—29.
Douglass, John	Schofield, Miles	

**WITHDRAWN:**

Dempster, James—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	30.	Withdrawn.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	29—30.

## NAVAL CHAPTER, No. 35.

Vallejo, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, second Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Roland Jackson McDaniel, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Roney, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Christian Theodore B. Hallen, <i>King</i> ,	Benjamin Benas, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Daniel Miller McCool, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Alex. Bertsch Bertosckey, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Edward Thompson Starr, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Melchior Kemper, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Charles Daly, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Howland Jordon, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Jonathan Bond, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	John Thompson, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

John Mills Browne,	George Fayette Mallett,	Frank Douglas Mead,
Mattison Myers,	Charles Daly,	James Roney.
Osgood Hilton,		

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Aden, Remmer Joh'n Rem's	Harrier, Daniel Webster	Rounds, George
Aden, John Remmers	Henderson, Orrington Lunt	Rutherford, David
Aden, Melchert Remmers	Higson, Frederick Delmer	Sailor, John Henry
Brown, Frank Edward	Hilborn, Samuel Greely	Sides, George Elvin
Brown, Roswell Homer	Holmes, Ensign Kimball	Savage, Thomas
Brownlie, John	Laviere, Frank	Shillingsburg, William
Bruce, Henry	Little, Samuel	Smith, John Daniel
Butler, Oren Hartwell	Lister, Benjamin	Spencer, John Abram
Chandler, Robert	McCobb, Abiel Henry	Thomas, John
Clausen, August Ernst	McLees, Edmund	Titcomb, John Locke
Clark, William Henry	McPike, Andrew Jackson	Toothaker, Harvey Puringt'n
Drake, Frank	Morse, Charles Alonzo	Topley, James
Drake, Franklin Jeremiah	Passallaqua, Bennaditto	Tripp, William Henry
Farley, Dallas Jones	Perkins, Alonzo	Voorhees, Albert Parsons
Fassett, Thomas Odeon	Phillips, James	Wall, Charles John
Faust, John	Plaisted, George Pomroy	West, Daniel
Frey, John	Pelham, Alexander	Willats, Edward Albert
Garland, Frank	Powell, Abraham	Williams, Robert Adrian
Gottschalk, Charles	Robinson, Jno. Buckingham	Wilson, George Wilkins
Haas, Solomon Leon	Rogers, David William	Wright, Gilbert Lafayette
Haskins, Enoch William	Rothenbush, Peter	Wright, Martin Jeremiah

—80.

## MARK MASTERS:

Bowman, Simon Clemens	Bowman, Frank Austin—2.
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## RESTORED:

Brown, Frank Edward—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Snow, Hiram King	Whitman, Russell	Wilson, Albion Paris—3.
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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Anderson, Henry	Dare, John Thomas	Wilson, William Cason—5.
Carter, William	Edgcombe, Joseph Collins	

## DIED:

Crowley, Thomas Jefferson	Ross, David Campbell	Williston, John Edward—4.
Hichborn, Alex. Hopkins		

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....91	Withdrawn. .... 3
Restored..... 1—92.	Suspended for non-payment dues.. 5
	Died ..... 4
	Now borne upon the roll.....80—92.

## ALAMEDA CHAPTER, No. 36.

Oakland, Alameda County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

George Edwin Whitney, <i>High Priest</i> ,	James Johnson Porter, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Edward Edmund Potter, <i>King</i> ,	Isaac Ash Skinner, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Eliot Benton, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Frank Bequette Rodolph, <i>Master 3d Val</i> ,
John Crellin, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Alpheus Kendall, <i>Master 2d Val</i> ,
James Edward Ingols, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Zachery Taylor Gilpin, <i>Master 1st Val</i> ,
Cassius Clay Palmer, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Alfred Septimas Baker, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Alpheus Fuller Williams,	Walter Laidlaw,	John Barton Harden,
Nathan Weston Spaulding,	William Addison Walter,	George Edwin Whitney.
James Dods,	Frank Worthy Cushing,	

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Allardt, George Frederick	Gordon, Jos. Smith Gilman	Miller, William Noble
Antisell, Thomas Murphy	Greenman, Harmon	Miller, Peter
Bail, Ambrose Everett	Hamilton, Laurentine	Monnet, Louis
Banks, Charles Wells	Hamilton, William Thomas	Moore, Albert Alphonso
Bartlett, Pliny	Harmon, John Brown	Noy, William Henry
Boone, William Ely	Haven, Charles Dwight	O'Beirne, Joseph Francis
Bones, Samuel West	Haslehurst, William	Palmer, Chas. Theo. Hart
Borland, Archibald	Hayes, Daniel Edward	Pardee, Enoch Homer
Bradley, John Tilford	Healey, Jesse	Patterson, George
Bragdon, Edmund, Jr.	Heron, Ernest Alvah	Pierce, Webb Nicholson
Braun, Chas. Henri Frederic	Herbert, Henry Vandervan	Phillips, John Waterman
Brigham, Frank Eugene	Hudson, George Henry	Pinkerton, Thomas Hamil
Burrell, Alfred William	Hunter, James	Plomteaux, Henry John
Collier, John Henry	Irwin, Harry Frost	Ranlett, Horace Lodge
Collins, Albert William	Jenks, Charles Caleb	Rector, Ludlow James
Cunningham, Parlan R	Kutz, George Fitzgerald	Reichling, Francis
Cushing, John	La Grange, Oscar Hugh	Rogers, Cecil Denorvan
Cutting, James Ripley	Lamping, Peter A	Robinson, John Andrew
Davis, Charles Edmund	Lancaster, Joseph	Rutherford, Chas. Board'n
Dusinbury, Myr. Thompson	Lee, John	Sessions, Edward Cathcart
Eadon, Moses	Loring, George York	Sherman William
Elliott, Washington	Mastick, Joseph Wood	Shorey, Albert
Emery, Joseph Stickney	McClure, David	Taggart, Grantham Israel
Everson, Wallace	McGillivray, Joseph	Tubbs, Hiram
Foulkes, James Franklin	McGuire, Jesse Milton	Twombly, Charles Henry
Gaskill, Rollin Corralus	Metcalf, George Dickson	Underwood, Henry Dayton

Van Dyke, Walter	Walton, Jesse	Williams, Robert Neal
Wadsworth, Henry	Ward, Robert	Wilson, John Charles
Walker, George Russell	Watson, John Braddock	Wilson, William
Walker, Edward Emery	Whidden, William	Winchester, John Parker

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**PAST MASTER:**

Brower, John Daniel—1.

**MARK MASTER:**

Merritt, James Bester—1.

**WITHDRAWN :**

Bruce, Samuel James      Thomas, William Robert      Tibbals, John Sherman—3.

**DIED:**

Atchinson, Bezaleel Merritt—1.

**RECAPITULATION :**

On roll per last report.....96	Withdrawn.....	3
Exalted.....12	Died.....	1
Affiliated.....5—118.	Now borne upon the roll.....	109—113.

**SILOAM CHAPTER, No. 37.**

Colfax, Placer County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jacob Hart Neff, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Morris Lobner, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
William Bainbridge Storey, <i>King</i> ,	Wanton Alfred Himes, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Leopold Lobner, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Richard Sara, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Barrows Hayford, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Swift Makins, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
John Butler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Leland Cajew, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Robert Flemming Rooney, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	—— ———, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**Jacob Hart Neff, *P. G. H. P.*,

Alexander Gibson Oliver.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allen, Lorenzo Thomas	Johnson, Gustav's Adolphus	Peden, Albert Oliver
Boden, Thomas	King, Thornton	Provan, William
Cloudman, Octavius King	Kopp, Charles Mann	Quire, Joseph Spencer
Coffin, Isaac Tibbits	Lekamp, John Henry	Rathburn, John Bell
Disque, Henry	Lohman, Peter	Ritchie, John William
Ells, Henry	McClure, Elias Lowe	Rogers, Joseph
Eschbach, David Meyer	McClelland, Felix Grundy	Swensson, Samuel Edward
Gilbert, Timothy Andrew	Magin, Patrick Henry	Tolman, Rufus Jenkins
Graham, Robert Hill	Nichols, Thomas Jefferson	Vincent, Nicholas
Hayford, James Barrows	Osborn, Robert Smith	Voss, Louis—44.
Hodgdon, James Peverly	Oliver, William Gibson	

**PAST MASTER :**

Marx, Charles—1.

**WITHDRAWN :**

Thomas, Ephraim Mariner—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES :**

Holmes, James	Osborn, Watson Brown	Thomas, John Young—4.
Murphy, Bernard		

**DIED :**

Bradley, Elisha Lafayette—1.

## RECAPITULATION :

On roll per last report .....	46	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted .....	3	Suspended for non-paym't of dues.	4
Affiliated.....	1—50	Died .....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	44—50

## SANTA CRUZ CHAPTER, No. 38.

Santa Cruz, Santa Cruz County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Tuesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Thomas Amner, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Louis Schwartz, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Samuel Drennan, <i>King</i> ,	Pierce Byo Fagan, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Sedgwick James Lynch, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Richard Thompson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Arnold Bartlett, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Staefler, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Henry Skinner, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Charles Henry Lincoln, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Peter Richmond Hinds, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	William Henry Bias, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Peter Richmond Hinds,	Louis Schwartz.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Adams, Frederick	Fitch, Edwin	McKiernan, Charles
Blackburn, Daniel Drew	Garratt, Richard Moses	Menefee, Frank George
Butterfield, Charles H.	Gilchrist, Adam	Mix, Edgar Henry
Chace, John Day	Groome, Thomas Brooks	Place, George Washington
Cummings, William Nelson	Handy, Forrest Nelson	Weis, Bernhard
Daubenbiss, John	Hall, Richard Harrison	West, Edward Swift
Ely, William	Hinds, David	Williams, Edward Lawrence

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## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Kilburn, Frederick Augustus—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	33	Suspended for non-payment dues...	1
Affiliated.....	1—34.	Now borne upon the roll.....	33—34.

## DONNER CHAPTER, No. 39.

Truckee, Nevada County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Mondays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Wilson Shannon Dixon, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Joseph Dearborn Hilton, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Giulio Reanda, <i>King</i> ,	George William Dunster, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
Abner Weed, <i>Scribe</i> ,	James Wellington Hoy, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Hiram Whitehead Roberts, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Jacob Lewis Lewison, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Joseph Marzen, Jr., <i>Secretary</i> ,	George, Schaffer, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Michael Luxenburger, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Russell Hunter Chandler, <i>Guard</i> .



**Past High Priests:**

Elle Ellen,

William Joab Shinn,

Jehu Davis Park.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Bittancourt, Thomas Maria	Hamilton, Edward	Nichols, Albert S
Brickell, Edward John	Harris, Jacob	O'Brian, John
Cullen, Thomas	Hanton, Daniel	Ogilvie, David
Davis, Jonathan	Hill, William Henry	Peck, Nelson Stanley
De Bernardi, Julius	Hutchinson, John T	Rabel, Frank
Doan, Latimer Emery	Jenkins, Samuel R	Richardson, Warren
Dunn, Henry George	Jessett, William	Scribner, Samuel
Frates, Frank	Joesink, Bern. Hendricus	Stirling, James
Garner, Henry R.	Johnson, Hogan	Trott, Charles Cornelius
Gaylord, Eben Hills	Marzen, Joseph	Wood, George —47.
Graham, Andrew Jackson	Morrison, William	

**RESTORED:**

Hamilton, Edward—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Jacquel, Julian

McGlashan, Charles Fayette—2.

**EXCLUDED:**

Richardson, George Washington—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Buckley, John Mason	Forsyth, Thomas	Leach, David Walter
Campbell, William Baker	Giffen, George Washington	Watson, William Myron—7.
Douglas, John		

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	58	Withdrawn .....	2
Exalted.....	2	Excluded .....	1
Affiliated.....	1	Suspended for non-paym't of dues. 7	
Restored .....	1—57.	Now borne upon the roll.....	47—57.

**RED BLUFF CHAPTER, No. 40.****Red Bluff, Tehama County.***Stated Meetings, first and third Saturdays in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Jerome Banks, <i>High Priest,</i>	Robert Hurd Blossom, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
Nathan Crocker, <i>King,</i>	Henry Charles Richart, <i>Royal Arch Capt.,</i>
Charles Theodore Alvord, <i>Scribe,</i>	John Chapman Volantine, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
William Brewer Cahoon, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Curtis Durkee Ballard, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Horace Allen Mayhew, <i>Secretary,</i>	Jeremiah Schoenfeld, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Max Posner, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Samuel Lewis, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

Adoniram Judson Loomis,

John Clements.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Campbell, Remembrance H.	DeHaven, Jos. Lapsley G'd	Hansen, Hans
Campbell, Charles Abijah	Fish, Charles Erskine	Healey, Lucien Bonaparte
Cone, Joseph Spencer	Gedney, David Wetmore	Houghton, Francis
Copeland, Hosmer Curtis	Griggs, Sidney Allen	Kinguley, George Leeman

Merrill, Nathaniel	Roberts, James Bartle	Wadsworth, Silas Marsden
Miller, Francis	Schoenfeld, Solomon David	Welton, Lamson Sooville
Parker, William Boyd	Schroeder, Aug. G. Barnhart	Wiendieck, Herman Henry
Puls, George	Swain, Theodore Steven	Williams, Manly Delos
Rawson, Hiram Allen	Tyler, Jonathan Cooper	Wilson, Henry Clay—42.
Reiser, Ellis		

**RESTORED:**

Healey, Lucien Bonaparte	Wilson, Henry Clay—2.	DeHaven, Jehiel Smith—1.
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**DIED:****RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....41	Died..... 1
Restored..... 2—43.	Now borne upon the roll .....42—43.

**TEMPLE CHAPTER, No. 41.****Watsonville, Santa Cruz County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

James Martin Rogers, <i>High Priest.</i>	William George Hudson, <i>Prin. Sojourner,</i>
James Waters, <i>King,</i>	James La Fayette Halsted, <i>R. A. Captain,</i>
James Ingham, <i>Scribe,</i>	Martin Phelan, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
John Bernard Brown, <i>Treasurer,</i>	Bela Sargent Andrews, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
John Nelson Bease, <i>Secretary,</i>	Hans Peter Brassel, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Frank Aldridge, <i>Captain of the Host,</i>	Lewis Allen See, <i>Guard.</i>

**Past High Priests:**

James Martin Rogers,	William George Hudson,	John Nelson Bease.
James Waters,		

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Abbott, Carlisle Stewart	Gagnon, Michael	Mynatt, Elvin Farran
Aldrich, David Medcalf	Goldwater, Julius Abraham	Payne, John Sidney
Blankenship, James Allen	Greenbaum, William	Porter, John Thomas
Brewington, Geo. Hamilton	Jones, Columbus Charles	Rea, Samuel
Brown, James Hiram	Landrum, Wm. Merrimon	Reeve, Henry Francis
Chalmers, Alex. Barker	Linscott, James Austin	Thomas, Charles Lewis
Chapman, Jere. Sheldon	Martin, Enos James	Trafton, George Arthur
Craig, Andrew	Mauk, Edwin Franklin	Trafton, John Edmond
Flint, Thomas	Mitchell, Charles Edward	West, Henry Edgar
Fowler, Charles	Moffatt, Thomas	Williamson, William—44.
Friermuth, Hervy Weston	Morris, Moses	

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....44.	Now borne upon the roll.....44.
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## CHICO CHAPTER, No. 42.

Chico, Butte County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Mondays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Albert Judson Gifford, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Cyrus Greenleaf Warren, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
John Rose Robinson, <i>King</i> ,	Rochester York Rundel, <i>R. A. Captain</i> ,
William Daniel Heath, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Wm. Henry Harrison Fuller, <i>Mas. 3d Vail</i> ,
Alexander Hill Crew, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Shand, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Davison, <i>Secretary</i> ,	William Leroy Bradley, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Robert Emmet Warren, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Jesse Wood, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
	Edward Hoole, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Charles Lewis Pond,	Carnot Courtland Mason,	Charles Faulkner,
Rufus Mycagah Cochran,	Robert Emmet Warren,	Albert Judson Gifford.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Batchelder, Hiram Treat	Hansen, Lauritz	Nelson, Charles Andrew
Bidwell, Abram B	Haughton, Jos. Richardson	Nichols, Edward Cuyler
Bidwell, John	Hibbard, Albert A	Noonan, Jerry Childs
Blackwell, William Johnson	Holbrook, Charles Henry	Papst, Albert
Boucher, Josiah	Holmes, Henry Preston	Papst, Charles James
Breed, Levi Newton	Hubbs, Benjamin Albert	Sawyer, Alexander
Carpenter, Aleck	Jackson, Frank Mason	Springer, Watson King
Chapman, Augustus Harley	Jones, Benjamin Franklin	Stevens, Warren Charles
Colby, Gilbert Winslow	King, William Duncan	Turner, John Alphonso
Daniels, Samuel	Lausen, Henry Datelef	Turner, John Calvin
Decker, James Madison	Leininger, Obadiah	Turner, William Tomes
Durham, Wm. Wellington	McIntosh, Lewis Harrison	Van Woert, William
Garner, John Mortimer	Miller, Charles Alton	Walraven, Garrett Wells
Graves, Fountain Columbus	Mitchell, James Ewing	Wetherbee, Ira Alston—61.
Guynn, Pleasant Marion	Montgomery, J.W. Bradford	

## EXCLUDED:

Dodson, Thomas Hulen—1.

## DIED:

Durham, George Waddell—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....59	Excluded.....1
Exalted.....2	Died.....1
Affiliated.....2—63.	Now borne upon the roll.....61—63.

## SOLANO CHAPTER, No. 43.

Suisun, Solano County.

*Stated Meetings, Wednesday of or next preceding Full Moon.*

## OFFICERS:

Joseph Fairbanks Wendell, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Freeman Hunnewell, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Abner Elias Charles, <i>King</i> ,	Oscar Rapier Coghlan, <i>Royal Arch Capt.</i> ,
Daniel McCreary, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Leithhead, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry Harris, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Columbus Palestine Reeves, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Marcus Weinberger, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Allen Charles Miller, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	William Gustavus Davisson, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Stephen Kirby Nurse, Jerome Bonaparte Richardson, Eben Dorman Perkins.  
Joseph Fairbanks Wendell, Allen Charles Miller,

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Bauman, Jacob Henry	Hoyt, George Adolphus	Reeves, Duke Davis
Capell, James Smith	Hoyt, Julien Buel	Robbins, Ruel Drinkwater
Cerkel, Wolf	Hoyt, William Kimball	Robinson, John
Chapman, Aiddeline L	Lockie, John Albert	Smith, Sampson
Dinkelspiel, Adolph	Miller, Meredith Rains	Stewart, Samuel
Emigh, Thomas Powell	Pietzockie, Marsell	Stephens, William Bell
Gettier, Charles Peter	Pine, Charles Andrew	Vance, James Monroe—35.

**EXPELLED:**

Morris, Samuel Anthony—1.

**DIED:**

Gardner, George Gordon Jones, Joseph Pickle Moore, Arthur—3.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....39	Expelled.....1
	Died.....3
	Now borne upon the roll .....35—39.

**VISALIA CHAPTER, No. 44.**

Visalia, Tulare County.

*Stated Meetings, fourth Saturday in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

Andrew Henderson Broder, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Tuohy, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
John William Crowley, <i>King</i> ,	William Harland, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Richard Hubbard Stevens, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Green Berry Crowley, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
James Edward Denny, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Morgan James Wells, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Oscar Stephanus Johnson, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Theodore Bacigalupi, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Albon Eugene Hall, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Alpha Hayden Glasscock, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Andrew Henderson Broder, Robert Chidley Broder.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Brower, Celsus	Guggenheim, Leon	Nelson, Swan Peter
Brownstone, David	Hackett, Henry	Russell, William Alexander
Chatten, Richard	Harter, Isaac Monroe	Tracy, Perus Sprague
Eaton, Mathew	Hockett, John Benjamin	Ward, Joseph Clarence
Esrey, Justin	Henry, Albert Reece	Wells, John Thomas
Gilroy, Launcelot	Mack, Julius Jacob	Wingfield, Charles Rousseau

—31.

**PAST MASTER:**

Patrick, Charles Berry—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Davison, Israel—1.

## DIED:

Baker, Martin                      Elkins, Abiel                      Wood, Edward Powers—3.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....34      Withdrawn..... 1  
 Affiliated ..... 1—35.      Died..... 3  
    Now borne upon the roll.....31—35.

## SANTA ROSA CHAPTER, No. 45.

Santa Rosa, Sonoma County.

*Stated Meetings, first Friday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Augustus Leander Fisher, *High Priest*,      Charles Hazlewood Holmes, *Prin. Soj'r*,  
 John Ripley Wright, *King*,                      Henry J. Ross, *Royal Arch Captain*,  
 Christopher Columbus Farmer, *Scribe*,      Edward Neblett, *Master 3d Vail*,  
 William Prindle, *Treasurer*,                      Samuel Irwin Allen, *Master 2d Vail*,  
 Charles Augustus Hoffer, *Secretary*,                      Martin Van B. Vanderhoof, *Master 1st Vail*,  
 Hiram Lewis Tripp, *Captain of the Host*,      James P. Duncan, *Guard*.

## Past High Priests:

❖      Elijah Thompson Farmer,                      Robert Press Smith, Jr.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Acton, William	Griggs, Joseph Henry	Nelson, Alfred
Appleton, Wellington	Griggs, William Benjamin	Oliver, John Salter
Baxter, Thomas Phipps	Grindle, Joshua	Overton, Albert Perry
Bean, Charles Henry	Halling, Frederick	Parks, David Harrison
Bloom, Jonas	Harris, Jacob	Park, Alvah W
Bond, William Hammet	Hasting, James O	Percival, Walter C
Berka, John	Holmes, Henderson Phineas	Seegelken, Ernst August
Bruegge, Herman Fred. C	Hoover, Abram	Sparks, George Washington
Buckland, Leonard Harrison	Hughes, John	Speller, George
Burris, David	Ink, Walter Payne	Spencer, Byron M
Byrrus, John Carroll	Korbel, Antone Francis	Stoddard, Joel
Caldwell, Francis Marion	Label, Herman	Stoddard, William
Dana, Alfred Wadsworth	Legg, Amos	Straney, Francis Marion
Davis, Elisha Lacy	Lindberg, John Peter	Strom, William
Davis, Milo Smith	Looney, William Denton	Taylor, John Shackelford
Davissan, Daniel D	Lord, Thomas	Thompson, Robt. Angu's, Jr.
Doxier, Linwood	Ludwig, Thomas Jefferson	Walker, John
Elliott, William Ross	Maddux, Lorenzo Dow	Ware, Allison Burr
Eatinghausen, Wm. Adams	McConnell, William Ellit	White, John McCullough
Fickas, Adam	McConochie, Robert	Wilton, Thomas G
Fulkerson, Theodoros S.	McCornack, Wm. Andrew	Wood, Benjamin Seawell
Fulkerson, Richard	McOrodan, James	Wright, Joseph
Gannon, James	McCallum, Alexander	Wright, James Madison
Gleason, Cyrus Sidney	McMinn, John	Wright, James California
Glyn, Francis Jerome B.	Murdock, Lewis Anthony	Young, Bird Sidney—89.

## RESTORED:

Anderson, William Lafayette—1.

## WITHDRAWN :

Anderson, Wm. Lafayette    Keneday, George Henry    Phelps, Charles Loraine  
 Dalton, Thomas Benton    McIlmoil, John    Sink, Reuben Henry—7.  
 Jackson, Ed. Newton Barnes

## SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:

Brown, Samuel    Russell, Henry Davis    Wilkes, George Washington  
 Lafferty, James Haslitt    —4.

## DIED :

Warren, Francis Edward—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	93	Withdrawn.....	7
Exalted.....	4	Suspended for non-payment dues	4
Restored.....	1—101.	Died.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	89—101.

## WOODLAND CHAPTER, No. 46.

Woodland, Yolo County.

*Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Humphrey Hicks, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Lowrey Simpson, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Andrew Carlisle Kean, <i>King</i> ,	James Viers, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Donald Frazer, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Adam J Steiner, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Dixon Stephens, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George James Geary, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
James Kerson Smith, <i>Secretary</i> ,	John Watts Freeman, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Temple Perrin Magee, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Frederick Miller, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Thomas Cross Pockman,    Nicholas Wykoff,    George Germain Cole.

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Aronson, Henry	Goodin, Thomas Chelton	Marden, William Harrison
Barney, Carey	Grimes, George Clayton	Megowan, Robert Wickliff
Bray, Edward Gaines	Guthrie, Thomas Walker	Miller, Hezekiah Monroe
Bullock, James Porter	Harlan, Benjamin Franklin	Parramore, Edw'd Littleton
Burns, Daniel Monroe	Harling, Micajah Oglesby	Prather, John Nathaniel
Dexter, Lorenzo	Harper, Sterling Gorman	Proctor, Calderon Weld
Dresbach, William	Hill, Henry Abraham	Rodolph, Godfrey
Ely, Isaac Jefferson	Hurlburt, Daniel Bradley	Ross, Thomas
Everett, Philip George	Jacobs, John	Schindler, David
Freeman, Frank'n Sylvester	Johnson, James	Snowball, John Wells
Fronk, Frederick	Johnson, Henry Foster	Tebbs, Lilburne Ely
Frost, Charles Stincen	Larew, William Henry	Vaughan, Cornel's L Neuwall
Furst, Leopold	Lowry, John William	Weir, William Henry
Gable, Harvey Clinton	Maltby, John Edward	Williams, George Wesley
Gardner, Matthew		—58.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....	56	Now borne upon the roll.....	58.
Exalted.....	2—58.		

## LASSEN CHAPTER, No. 47.

Susanville, Lassen County.

*Stated Meetings, second Saturday after Full Moon in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

Eber Gaston Bangham, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Albert Augustus Smith, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Philip Jacob Goumaz, <i>King</i> ,	Frederick Hines, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
James Branham, <i>Scribe</i> ,	William Brockman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
Davis Knoch, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	George Strunk Pierce, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Henry Crane, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Henry Snyder, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
James Wesley Hendrick, <i>C. of the Host</i> ,	Allen Wood, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

Allen Wood,	John Chaney Partridge,	John Ranshaw Lockwood.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Babcock, Charles Marsh	Leavitt, Benjamin Hanson	Sharp, James Porter
Bechtol, Albert George	Maxwell, Jefferson Houston	Sheldon, Benjamin Franklin
Boreman, Henry	McDow, Lafayette Decatur	Sloss, Ferdinand Americus
Bobo, Benjamin Franklin	McKisaick, Jacob	Spalding, Zetus Newell
Brince, Hermann	McGill, Robert Leslie	Standart, George
Cahlan, John	Miller, Andrew	Stevens, Ward Spooner
Dill, Andrew	Minckler, William David	Stiles, Lyman Collins
Duncan, And. Cunningham	Moon, Abraham Gillette	Streshly, Orlando
Fitch, John Edward	Munroe, Duncan Cameron	Talbot, Enoch Stanwood
Gary, William West	Otto, Anthony	Tanner, Dennis
Grant, Alexander	Pullen, Granville	Tremain, Robert
Hall, Davis Clark	Sanders, Sanders	Tucker, Duane Harrison
Hathaway, Hiram Jackson	Santee, Milton	Ward, Trowbridge Hyer
Kelley, John Davis	Sawyer, John James	White, Asa Preston
Kingsbury, William Charles	Segraves, John Henry	Whitlock, James Henry
Kruger, Frank	Christoph. E Seltier, Claude Francois	Winchell, Hiram—63.
Latham, Melancthon S		

## MARK MASTER:

Harbut, Lee L—1.

## WITHDRAWN:

Gresham, Uriah—1.

## DIED:

Hurley, George

Nalleigh, William Hill—2.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....63	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....2	Died.....2
Affiliated.....1-66.	Now borne upon the roll.....63-66.

**DIXON CHAPTER, No. 48.****Dixon, Solano County.***Stated Meetings, first Tuesday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Churchill McKinley, *High Priest*, Benjamin Franklin Kelly, *Prin. Sojourner*,  
 Jonathan Merritt Dudley, *King*, William Killebrew, *Royal Arch Captain*,  
 John William McFadyen, *Scribe*, Henry Ackerson Ross, *Master 3d Vail*,  
 William Redmond Ferguson, *Treasurer*, Fleming McLean, *Master 2d Vail*,  
 Bernhard Ettlinger, *Secretary*, Joseph Henry McCune, *Master 1st Vail*,  
 John David Munsie, *Captain of the Host*, William Washington Hill, *Guard*.

**Past High Priests:**

John Sweany, Herman Eppinger, George Churchill McKinley.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Abbey, John Alexander	Gates, Thomas Milton	Pratt, Albert Harlow
Agee, Christop'r Columbus	Goeffert, Henry	Righter, Francis Marion
Baker, Roland Thomas	Gordon, Melvin Barnes	Robinson, Christop'r Max'll
Bishop, Orland Lusk	Gregory, Thomas Meradith	Schnitzlein, Fred'k August
Brock, Tilman Howard	Heuer, John Henry	Simms, William
Burke, John	Johnson, James Otis	Steele, William
Craig, Frederick	Larew, Peter	Summers, Andrew Good
Currey, Montgomery Scott	Longmire, Daniel	Talbott, John Green
Fraser, Alexander	McKune, Henry Ewalt	Tyler, Elias Mortimer
Fraser, Thomas	Merryfield, Justus Chandler	Wells, William Henry
Garnett, James St. Clair	North, James Charles	Wolfskill, Edward—47.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Blitch, Joseph Luke—1.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Bouchard, Andrew Byrne, Daniel Dominic—2.

**SUSPENDED FOR UNMASONIC CONDUCT:**

Hockheimer, Amiel—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....48	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....3—51.	Suspended for non-payment dues. 2
	Suspended for unmasonic conduct 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....47—51.

**MODESTO CHAPTER, No. 49.****Modesto, Stanislaus County.***Stated Meetings, Friday next succeeding Full Moon in each month.***OFFICERS:**

Adolphus Hewel, <i>High Priest</i> ,	John Rodgers, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Isaac Ripperdan, <i>King</i> ,	Patrick Manning, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Jesse James Chapman, <i>Scribe</i> ,	John Visser, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
George Washington Toombs, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Henry George James, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Lawson Burfoot Walthal, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Michael Braun, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Sept'us Allen Cleveland, <i>Capt. of the Host</i> ,	Thomas Cookson, <i>Chaplain</i> ,
	Charles Isaac Carner, <i>Guard</i> .



**Past High Priests:**

William John Houston,  
Septimus Allen Cleveland,

Elihu Burritt Beard,

Adolphus Hewel.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Armstrong, James Lapsley  
Dorsey, Caleb  
Dowda, Geo. Washington  
Eagleson, Erastus

Horton, Dickin'n Courtney  
Lawrence, George  
Newsom, John Moore  
Stewart, Alexander

Teeter, John Dallas  
Wardrobe, Samuel V  
Wilson, Thomas Andrew  
Wright, Chas. Columbus—27.

**EXPELLED:**

Jacobs, Henry—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report .....	28	Expelled.....	1
		Now borne upon the roll.....	27—28.

**VENTURA CHAPTER, No. 50.**

**San Buenaventura, Ventura County.**

*Stated Meetings, Tuesday of or next preceding Full Moon in each month.*

**OFFICERS:**

Jonathan Doan Hines, *High Priest*,  
Eugene Preston Foster, *King*,  
William Henry Arundell, *Scribe*,  
Lemuel Clark McKeeby, *Treasurer*,  
Lafayette Finda Eastin, *Secretary*,  
James Allen Day, *Captain of the Host*,

\_\_\_\_\_, *Prin. Sojourner*,  
Albert Griffith Bartlett, *R. A. Captain*,  
James Marion Brooks *Master 3d Vail*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Master 2d Vail*,  
Andrew Clemmens, *Master 1st Vail*,  
\_\_\_\_\_, *Guard*.

**Past High Priests:**

Jonathan Doan Hines,

Lemuel Clark McKeeby.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Blackstock, Nehemiah  
Blanchard, Nathan Weston  
Bard, Cephas Little  
Bard, Thomas Robert  
Cannon, Marion  
Chaffee, Walter Scott  
Chrisman, Gilpin Wallace  
Cox, Richard

Davis, Samuel Augustus  
Edwards, Evan Alfred  
Finney, Charles Grandison  
Fisher, Joseph  
Gay, Milus Hervey  
Gilbert, Geo. Shoebr'ge, Jr.  
Gilbert, Thomas  
Grimes, Brice

Kaiser, William  
Knighten, William Amon  
Simpson, Volney Alexander  
Smith, Alvin Billings  
Sparks, William Ware  
Spear, Henry  
Stanchfield, Levi Gould  
Surdam, Royes Gaylord—33.

**PAST MASTER:**

Burrill, William Henry—1.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Davis, Charles Henry—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	32	Withdrawn.....	1
Exalted.....	2—34.	Now borne upon the roll.....	33—34.

**CORINTHIAN CHAPTER, No. 51.****Santa Barbara, Santa Barbara County.***Stated Meetings, first Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

George Edward Childs, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Leonard Babcock, <i>Principal Sojourner</i> ,
Benjamin Franklin Thomas, <i>King</i> ,	Archibald Williams Phillips, <i>R.A. Captain</i> ,
George Nelson Collins, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Albert Hayman, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Peck Stearns, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Henry Norway, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Edgar Luzern Paddock, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Eliakim Tupper Gourley, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
John Delos Peer, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	———, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

John Peck Stearns,	George Edward Childs.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Olifton Henry	Hill, Jesse	Parsons, Jacob
Dunshee, Rollin	Marcy, Harvey Bradley	Stafford, Owen Andrew
Hart, Joseph Va.	Meroux, Joseph	Walker, Frank—20.

**WITHDRAWN:**

Hunt, Richard Orville—1.

**EXCLUDED:**

Hunt, Charles Clifford, Williams, James Orlando—2.

**SUSPENDED FOR NON-PAYMENT OF DUES:**

Faber, George—1.

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....23	Withdrawn.....1
Affiliated.....1—24.	Excluded.....2
	Suspended for non-payment dues 1
	Now borne upon the roll.....20—24.

**HUMBOLDT CHAPTER, No. 52.****Eureka, Humboldt County.***Stated Meetings, second Monday in each month.***OFFICERS:**

John Andrew Watson, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Jos. Dibble Hoyt Chamberlain, <i>Prin. Soj.</i> ,
D. Clinton Scott, <i>King</i> ,	Clarence M. Leighton Howard, <i>R. A. Capt.</i>
Thomas Blakwell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	George Carson, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Jewett McNamara, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	John Smith Thomson, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Patterson Hanna, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Albert DeForest Hetfield, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
William Bryce, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Andrew William Anderson, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priest:**

John Andrew Watson.

**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Becker, Charles	Campbell, Alexander	Grinnell, Alvin Sampson
Brown, Thomas McGinnis	Case, Horace Smith	Greenwald, Julius
Buck, Silas Montgomery	Coates, John Pin	Hansell, Julius Henrich Gus.
Bull, John Clark, Jr.	Cutler, Thomas	Hall, Richard

Halloran, James	Robarts, James Thomas	Trost, John Henry
Hart, Plummer Frederick	Russ, Joseph	Wallace, Malcolm Joseph
Hetherington, John, Jr.	Sevier, Abner Dill	Wentworth, Harris Burns
Ley, Francis Anthony	Thomson, John Sedgfield	Wiley, John Bassett—37.
Renfro, David Kenada		

## PAST MASTERS:

Henderson, James William	Wilson, Emmet Wakeman—2.
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## WITHDRAWN:

McCann, Charles Frederick—1.

## DIED:

Wyman, Justin Edwin—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....36	Withdrawn.....1
Exalted.....3—39.	Died.....1
	Now borne upon the roll.....37—39.

## UKIAH CHAPTER, No. 53.

Ukiah, Mendocino County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

## OFFICERS:

George William Heald, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Thomas Langley Barnes, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
Edward Warren King, <i>King</i> ,	William Isbell, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
Daniel William Orsborne, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Wm. Hanscomb Haskell, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
John Smith Reed, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Wallace Montg'y Hagans, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Samuel Wheeler, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Louis Taylor Day, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Jeremiah Henry Donahoe, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	John Ford Cliff, <i>Guard</i> .

## Past High Priests:

John Wesley Jenkins,	George McCowen.
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## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Barnes, William Henry	Carothers, Thomas Langley McGarvey, Robert
Bellamy, Benson Clarke	Henly, Whitcombe
Briggs, Moses Carson	Hornbrook, Sanders
Burchard, John Luther	Mathews, James Robert
	Mantague, Lemuel Davis
	Updegraff, Jacob
	Zimmerman, William Tell

—26.

## MARK MASTER:

Orr, James Henry—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

On roll per last report.....26.	Now borne upon the roll.....26.
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## LAKEPORT CHAPTER, No. 54.

Lakeport, Lake County.

*Stated Meetings, first and third Wednesdays in each month.*

(NO RETURNS.)

**BODIE CHAPTER, No. 55.****Bodie, Mono County.***Stated Meetings, first Wednesday in each Month.***OFFICERS:**

William Irwin, <i>High Priest</i> ,	David Martin Sutton, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
James Morris Dawley, <i>King</i> ,	William Allen Irwin, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Alexander Caldwell, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Oscar Hugo Kister, <i>Master 3d Vail</i> ,
William Augustus Atlee, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	William Gill, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
Eugene Francis Chamberlin, <i>Secretary</i> ,	James Sparrow, <i>Master 1st Vail</i> ,
Chas. Allen Richardson, <i>Capt. of Host</i> ,	Henry Ellis Wilson, <i>Guard</i> .

**Past High Priests:**

Samuel Benjamin Ferguson,	George Howard Winterburn.
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**ROYAL ARCH MASONS:**

Allen, Andrew Harper	Jeffreys, David	Scott, Peter Hume
Beck, Alexander	Luke, David Matthias	Stebbins, Samuel Goodsell
Blasdel, Sherrell Weaver	McClosky, John	Stewart, Alexander Bruce
Casey, David	McCurdy, Samuel	Stewart, John Wesley
Colcord, Russell Keys	McKinney, Charles Franklin	Summers, Jesse Nolan
Darrah, John	Neil, Francis	Symons, Edward
Dunlap, William Wayne	Owen, Frank	Traut, Anton
Ferris, Henry	Owen, Samuel	Turner, John Christopher
Forrest, Robert McClelland	Parr, John Forrest	VanZandt, John Washington

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**WITHDRAWN:**

Bence, Adolphus	Harris, Thomas Spencer	Maynard, James Albertus
Ellsworth, Anson Merrill	Jackson, Emanuel	Tonkin, Walter James—7.
Gilbert, Josiah		

**RECAPITULATION:**

On roll per last report.....	41	Withdrawn.....	7
Exalted.....	4	Now borne upon the roll.....	41—48.
Affiliated.....	3—48.		

**KEYSTONE CHAPTER, No. 56.****San Bernardino, San Bernardino County.***Stated Meetings, first Saturday after Full Moon in each Month.***OFFICERS:**

Horace Cowen Rolfe, <i>High Priest</i> ,	Daniel William Brooks, <i>Prin. Sojourner</i> ,
George Lord, <i>King</i> ,	William Craig, <i>Royal Arch Captain</i> ,
John Thompson Knox, <i>Scribe</i> ,	Jeremiah Drake Ousterhout, <i>Mas. 3d Vail</i> ,
Lewis Jacobs, <i>Treasurer</i> ,	Milford Byron Terrass, <i>Master 2d Vail</i> ,
William Robert Wiggins, <i>Secretary</i> ,	Christoph'r Columbus Miller, <i>Mas. 1st Vail</i> ,
Hugh Hamel Field, <i>Captain of the Host</i> ,	Wolfe Fleisher, <i>Guard</i> .

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS :

Anderson, John	King, John Caleb	Rosenthal, Emil Julius
Bergmann, Jacob	Kurtz, Christian	Rousseau, James Alexander
Bidwell, Julius Albert	Lawrence, Charles Marshal	Talmadge, Francis Le Barron
Bright, Joseph Shannon	Peacock, James Corbet	Wilson, Thos. Jonathan—26.
Haile, Smith Cook	Peacock, Thomas Francis	

## RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation .....	11	Now borne upon the roll.....	26.
Exalted.....	14		
Affiliated.....	1—26.		

## SIGNET CHAPTER, U. D.

Los Angeles, Los Angeles County.

*Stated Meetings, second and fourth Thursdays in each Month.*

## OFFICERS:

Robert Rufus Brown, <i>High Priest,</i>	—— ———, <i>Principal Sojourner,</i>
Robert Gilmore Cunningham, <i>King,</i>	Niles Knickerbocker, <i>Royal Arch Captain,</i>
John Dustin Bicknell, <i>Scribe,</i>	Granville Quincey Stewart, <i>Master 3d Vail,</i>
Nelson Henry Murray, <i>Treasurer,</i>	—— ———, <i>Master 2d Vail,</i>
Edward Leake, <i>Secretary,</i>	Giovano Lazzarovich, <i>Master 1st Vail,</i>
Thomas John Caystile, <i>Capt. of the Host,</i>	—— ———, <i>Guard.</i>

## ROYAL ARCH MASONS:

Anderson, Lewis Charles	Lankershim, James Boon	Shaffer, John
Bell, James George	Lockwood, Jasper	Smith, Henry Augustus
Carter, Julius Munson	Martin, Julius Herbert	Stanley, John Quincy Adams
Goodwin, Leander Clement	Polaski, Lewis	Vignolo, Ambrogio
Hill, William Henry	Salisbury, John Caleb	Wollweber, Theodore—24.

## MARK MASTER:

Stewart, William—1.

## RECAPITULATION:

Petitioners for dispensation.....	9	Now borne upon the roll.....	24.
Exalted.....	6		
Affiliated.....	9—24.		

## REPRESENTATIVES

Of other Jurisdictions near the Grand Chapter of California.

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Canada,.....	NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, P. G. H. P.,	<i>Oakland ;</i>
District of Columbia,....	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Illinois,.....	WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, P. G. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Iowa,.....	ISAAC SUTVENE TITUS, P. G. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Kentucky, .....	JOHN MILLS BROWNE, P. G. H. P.,	<i>Vallejo ;</i>
Louisiana,.....	THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, P. G. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Maryland,.....	JACOB HART NEFF, P. G. H. P.,	<i>Colfax ;</i>
Maine, .....	LEONIDAS E PRATT, Grand King,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Mississippi,.....	GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES, P. G. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Missouri,.....	WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES, P. G. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
New Jersey,.....	WILLIAM THOMAS REYNOLDS, P. G. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
New York, .....	HENRY SAYRE ORME, G. H. P.,	<i>Los Angeles ;</i>
Oregon,.....	GEORGE CLEMENT PERKINS, P. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Quebec,.....	ALEXANDER GURDON ABELL, P. G. H. P.,	<i>San Francisco ;</i>
Tennessee,.....	NATHAN WESTON SPAULDING, P. G. H. P.,	<i>Oakland ;</i>
Vermont.....	WILLIAM CALDWELL BELCHER,	<i>San Francisco.</i>

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## REPRESENTATIVES

Of the Grand Chapter of California near other Grand Chapters.

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Canada,.....	HENRY MCPHERSON, .....	<i>Owen Sound, Ont'o ;</i>
Colorado,.....	IRVING W. STANTON, .....	<i>Pueblo ;</i>
Illinois,.....	SAMUEL SHANNON, .....	<i>Mt. Carmel ;</i>
Iowa,.....	WILLIAM B. LANGRIDGE,.....	<i>Muscatine ;</i>
Kansas,.....	JOHN BROWN, .....	<i>Leavenworth ;</i>
Kentucky,.....	R. M. FARLEIGH, .....	<i>Hopkinsville ;</i>
Louisiana,.....	J. Q. A. FELLOWS, .....	<i>New Orleans ;</i>
Maine,.....	JOSIAH H. DRUMMOND,.....	<i>Portland ;</i>
Maryland,.....	EDWARD T. SHULTZ,.....	<i>Baltimore ;</i>
Massachusetts,.....	JOHN MCCLELLAN,.....	<i>Boston ;</i>
Minnesota,.....	SILAS R. MERRILL, .....	<i>St. Paul ;</i>
Mississippi,.....	JOHN K. FULSON,.....	<i>Holly Springs ;</i>
Missouri,.....	WILLIAM WILLMOTT,.....	<i>Hamilton ;</i>
Nebraska,.....	E. A. ALLEN,.....	<i>Omaha ;</i>
New Hampshire, .....	JOHN J. BELL,.....	<i>Exeter ;</i>
New Jersey,.....	EDWARD GOELLER,.....	<i>Trenton ;</i>
New York,.....	JOHN L. LEWIS,.....	<i>New York ;</i>
Quebec,.....	FRANK EDGAR,.....	<i>Montreal ;</i>
South Carolina,.....	AUGUSTIN T. SMYTHE, .....	<i>Charleston ;</i>
Tennessee.....	WILLIAM N. DOUGHTY, .....	<i>Murfreesboro ;</i>
Vermont,.....	THEODORE S. PECK,.....	<i>Burlington ;</i>
West Virginia,.....	KEPHART D. WALKER,.....	<i>Fairmount ;</i>
Wisconsin,.....	M. M. COTHEEN,.....	<i>Milwaukee.</i>

## GRAND OFFICERS

Elected since the Organization of the Grand Chapter, July 28, A. I. 2384

1854.

CHARLES M. RADULIFF, *Grand High Priest.* A. B. HOY, ..... *Grand King.*  
JOHN D. CREIGH, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*HUGH G. PLATT, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

1855.

JOHN D. CREIGH, .... *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, ..... *Grand King.*  
\*ISAAC DAVIS, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* LEVERETT BRADLEY, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

1856.

\*ORANGE H. DIBBLE, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, .... *Grand King.*  
WM. W. TRAYLOR, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

1857.

WILLIAM W. TRAYLOR, *Grand High Priest.* WHITING G. WEST, ..... *Grand King.*  
THOS. H. CASWELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

1858.

THOMAS H. CASWELL, *Grand High Priest.* \*JAMES A. JACKSON, ..... *Grand King.*  
WHITING G. WEST, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*HENRY HARE HARTLEY, ... *Grand Scribe.*

1859.

WHITING G. WEST, .... *Grand High Priest.* \*AARON D. PARK, ..... *Grand King.*  
\*H. H. HARTLEY, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*LEWIS REYNOLDS, ... .. *Grand Scribe.*

1860.

\*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* JAMES W. BICKNELL, ..... *Grand King.*  
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand Scribe.*

1861.

\*HENRY H. HARTLEY, *Grand High Priest.* \*EZRA HOWARD VAN DECAR, *Grand King.*  
ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

1862.

ADOLPHUS HOLLUB, .. *Grand High Priest.* JOHN KIRKPATRICK, .. .. *Grand King.*  
\*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

1863.

\*EZRA H. VAN DECAR, .. *Grand High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH, ..... *Grand King.*  
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, .. *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

1864.

\*ISAAC DAVIS, ..... *Grand High Priest.* \*CHARLES MARSH, ..... *Grand King.*  
JOHN KIRKPATRICK, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

1865.

JOHN KIRKPATRICK, .. *Grand High Priest.* WILLIAM A. DAVIES, ..... *Grand King.*  
\*CHAS. MARSH, .. *Dep. Grand High Priest.* ISAAC S. TITUS, ..... *Grand Scribe.*

\* Deceased.

## 1866.

\*CHARLES MARSE, ... *Grand High Priest.* ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand King.*  
WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Dep. Grand High Priest.* \*JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1867.

ISAAC S. TITUS, ... *Grand High Priest.* \*JOHN W. HARVILLE, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JAS. A. JACKSON, ... *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1868.

\*JOHN W. HARVILLE, *Grand High Priest.* JAS. LAWRENCE ENGLISH, ... *Grand King.*  
GEORGE T. GRIMES, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1870.

GEORGE T. GRIMES, ... *Grand High Priest.* JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand King.*  
JAS. LAW. ENGLISH, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1871.

JAS. L. ENGLISH, ... *Grand High Priest.* STEPHEN WING, ... *Grand King.*  
JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* \*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1872.

JACOB H. NEFF, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, *Grand Scribe.*

## 1873.

WM. A. DAVIES, ... *Grand High Priest.* WM. THOMAS REYNOLDS, ... *Grand King.*  
\*JOSEPH ISAACS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WM. ALEXANDER JANUARY, *Grand Scribe.*

## 1874.

WM. ALEX. JANUARY, *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*  
WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1875.

WM. T. REYNOLDS, ... *Grand High Priest.* HENRY HAY KNAPP, ... *Grand King.*  
ALEX. G. ABELL, *Dep. Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1876.

ALEX. G. ABELL, ... *Grand High Priest.* JOHN MILLS BROWNE, ... *Grand King.*  
HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Dep. Gr. High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1877.

HENRY HAY KNAPP, *Grand High Priest.* NATHAN W. SPAULDING, ... *Grand King.*  
JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1878.

JOHN MILLS BROWNE, *Grand High Priest.* WILEY JAMES TINNIN, ... *Grand King.*  
NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1879.

NATHAN W. SPAULDING, *Gr. High Priest.* HENRY SAYRE ORME, ... *Grand King.*  
WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, *Grand Scribe.*

## 1880.

WILEY JAMES TINNIN, *Gr. High Priest.* WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE, ... *Grand King.*  
HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* LEONIDAS E PRATT, ... *Grand Scribe.*

## 1881.

HENRY SAYRE ORME, *Grand High Priest.* LEONIDAS E PRATT, ... *Grand King.*  
WM. MONROE PETRIE, *Dep. Gr. H. Priest.* JONATHAN DOAN HINLS, ... *Grand Scribe.*

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\*Deceased.





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26 MANZANITA.....	29 North San Juan,	Nevada	May 10, 1861.	2	2	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	61	73 00	
27 NAPA.....	30 Napa City,	Napa.....	May 9, 1862.	6	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	42 00	
28 MARTINEZ,	31 Martinez,	Contra Costa,	"	6	6	5	5	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	63 00	
+ QUINCY.....	32 Quincy.....	Plumas.....	May 8, 1863.	6	6	5	5	3	1	8	1	2	1	1	56	79 00	
29 LOS ANGELES.....	33 Los Angeles,	Los Angeles,	Oct. 7, 1864.	6	6	5	5	6	3	1	1	1	1	1	29	29 00	
30 ALTURAS,	34 La Porte,	Pumas.....	"	2	2	12	12	5	3	3	5	4	2	1	80	82 00	
31 NAVAL,	35 Vallejo,	Solano,	Oct. 20, 1868.	13	12	12	12	5	3	3	1	1	1	1	109	158 00	
32 ALAMEDA.....	36 Oakland,	Alameda.....	"	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	44	56 00	
33 SLOAN.....	37 Colfax,	Placer.....	April 6, 1870.	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	33 00	
34 SANTA CRUZ,	38 Santa Cruz,	Santa Cruz,	"	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	47	55 00	
35 DONNER.....	39 Truckee,	Nevada.....	April 11, 1871.	2	2	2	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	42	42 00	
36 RED BLUFF,	40 Red Bluff,	Tehama.....	"	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	44	44 00	
37 TEMPLE.....	41 Watsonville,	Santa Cruz,	"	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	61	69 00	
38 CHICO.....	42 Chico.....	Butte.....	"	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	35	35 00	
39 SOLANO.....	43 Susan,	Solano,	April 11, 1872.	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	31	33 00	
40 VISALIA.....	44 Visalia,	Tulare,	April 9, 1873.	7	7	7	7	1	1	1	4	1	1	1	88	117 00	
41 SANTA ROSA,	45 Santa Rosa,	Sonoma,	"	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	58	66 00	
42 WOODLAND,	46 Woodland,	Yolo.....	"	2	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	63	73 00	
43 LASSEN.....	47 Susanville,	Lassen,	April 14, 1875.	2	2	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1	27	27 00	
44 DIXON.....	48 Dixon.....	Solano,	"	2	2	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	27	27 00	
45 MODESTO.....	49 Modesto,	Stanislaus,	April 12, 1876.	1	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	1	1	33	40 00	
46 VENTURA.....	50 San Buenaventura,	Ventura.....	"	5	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	20	20 00	
47 CORINTHIAN,	51 Santa Barbara,	Santa Barbara,	"	5	5	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	37	53 00	
48 HUMBOLDT,	52 Eureka,	Humboldt,	April 11, 1877.	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	26 00	
49 UKIAH.....	53 Ukiah.....	Mendocino,	April 9, 1879.	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	41	54 00	
+ LAKEPORT.....	54 Lakeport	Lake	April 14, 1880.	3	3	3	3	3	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	26 00	
50 BODIE.....	55 Bodie.....	Mono.....	"	3	3	3	3	3	7	1	1	1	1	1	41	54 00	
51 KEYSTONE,	56 San Bernardino,	San Bernardino,	April 13, 1881.	14	14	14	14	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	26	82 00	
52 SIGNET.....	U.D. Los Angeles,	Los Angeles,	"	7	6	6	6	9	1	1	1	1	1	1	24	49 00	
53 KYSTNET,				157	150	148	148	38	22	69	19	50	1	334	1911	72932	3543 00

\* Charter surrendered.

† Charter revoked.

‡ Consolidated with Sonoma Chapter, No. 2.

# GRAND CHAPTERS

## IN COMMUNICATION WITH THE

# GRAND CHAPTER OF CALIFORNIA.

### NAMES AND ADDRESSES OF GRAND SECRETARIES.

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CANADA, .....	DAVID McLELLAN, .....	Hamilton, Ont.
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DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA, .....	CHARLES W. HANCOCK, .....	Washington.
ENGLAND AND WALES, .....	JOHN HERVEY, .....	London.
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OREGON, .....	R. P. EARNHART, .....	Portland.
PENNSYLVANIA, .....	CHARLES E. MEYER, .....	Philadelphia.
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TENNESSEE, .....	JOHN FRIZZELL, .....	Nashville.
TEXAS, .....	ROBERT BREWSTER, .....	Houston.
VERMONT, .....	W. H. S. WHITCOMB, .....	Burlington.
VIRGINIA, .....	W. B. ISAACS, .....	Richmond.
WEST VIRGINIA, .....	ODELL S. LONG, .....	Wheeling.
WISCONSIN, .....	JOHN W. WOODHULL, .....	Milwaukee.
GEN. GR. CHAPTER OF U. S.,	CHRISTOPHER G. FOX, .....	Buffalo.

GRAND CONVENTION  
OF THE  
ORDER OF HIGH PRIESTS,  
OF THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA.

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Twenty-second Annual Convention.

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The twenty-second Annual Grand Convention of the Order of High Priests of the State of California assembled at the Masonic Temple in the city of San Francisco on Tuesday, the twelfth day of April, 1881, at eight o'clock P. M.

There were present the following named

OFFICERS :

The R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN..... *Vice President;*  
" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,..... *Recorder;*  
And several Companions.

The M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR, President, being absent, the R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN presided, and made the following appointments *pro tempore* :

Comp. HENRY SAYRE ORME..... *Vice President;*  
" THOMAS CALLOW..... *Chaplain;*  
" WILLIAM MONROE PETRIE..... *Treasurer;*  
" JACOB HART NEFF,..... *Master of Ceremonies;*  
" SAMUEL POWELL LAWSON,..... *Conductor;*  
" DANIEL PORTER BYSTLE,..... *Herald;*  
" WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS,..... *Steward.*

The Convention was then opened in **But form.**

The reading of the minutes of the last Annual Convention was dispensed with, the members being furnished with printed copies thereof.

The following named companions, presenting the proper certificates, were severally balloted for and elected to receive the Order of High Priesthood :—

EDWARD TAYLOR ANTHONY,	P. H. Priest of <i>San Francisco</i>	Chapter, No. 1		
MICHAEL JAMES KEATING,	High Priest of "	"	"	1
ALONZO COLBY,	" " "	<i>Sonora</i>	"	2
CHARLES MORTIMER COGLAN,	" " "	<i>Sacramento</i>	"	3
FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,	" " "	<i>California</i>	"	5
HALSTEAD STANSFIELD,	" " "	<i>Nevada</i>	"	6
GEORGE POOR,	" " "	<i>Benicia</i>	"	7
JOHN LITHGOW,	" " "	<i>Sutter</i>	"	11
HIRAM NEWTON RUCKER,	" " "	<i>Merced</i>	"	12
HENRY CHARLES LOTT,	" " "	<i>Washington</i>	"	13
WILSON HAYS,	" " "	<i>Howard</i>	"	14
LOUIS CONSTANTINE HUSEMAN,	" " "	<i>Cyrus</i>	"	15
CHARLES HART WILCOX,	" " "	<i>Franklin</i>	"	20
WILLIAM BARNABAS HASKELL,	" " "	<i>Petaluma</i>	"	22
JOEL FRANKLIN SMITH,	" " "	<i>Oliver</i>	"	23
JAMES TODD GARDINER,	" " "	<i>Oakland</i>	"	26
DORAN LUCIUS CAMPBELL,	" " "	<i>Stockton</i>	"	28
CHARLES RAY GRITMAN,	" " "	<i>Napa</i>	"	30
WILLIAM JOHN DOUGLAS,	" " "	<i>Martinez</i>	"	31
JAMES SETH CRAWFORD,	" " "	<i>Los Angeles</i>	"	33
ROWLAND JACKSON McDANIEL,	" " "	<i>Naval</i>	"	35
GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY,	" " "	<i>Alameda</i>	"	36
THOMAS AMNER,	" " "	<i>Santa Cruz</i>	"	38
WILSON SHANNON DIXON,	" " "	<i>Donner</i>	"	39
JEROME BANKS,	" " "	<i>Red Bluff</i>	"	40
ALBERT JUDSON GIFFORD,	" " "	<i>Chico</i>	"	42
AUGUSTUS LEANDER FISHER,	" " "	<i>Santa Rosa</i>	"	45
HUMPHREY HICKS,	" " "	<i>Woodland</i>	"	46
EBER GASTON BANGHAM,	" " "	<i>Lassen</i>	"	47
ADOLPHUS HEWEL,	" " "	<i>Modesto</i>	"	49
JOHN ANDREW WATSON,	" " "	<i>Humboldt</i>	"	52
GEORGE WILLIAM HEALD,	" " "	<i>Ukiah</i>	"	53
WILLIAM IRWIN,	" " "	<i>Bodie</i>	"	55
SAMUEL BENJAMIN FERGUSON,	P. H. " " "	"	"	55

There being no further business, the Grand Convention adjourned until Wednesday evening, April thirteenth, at seven and a-half o'clock.

## In Grand Convention.

WEDNESDAY EVENING, April 13th, 1881.

The Grand Convention reassembled at half-past seven o'clock.

There were present the following named

### OFFICERS:

The M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR,	<i>President ;</i>
" R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,	<i>Vice-President ;</i>
" R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,	<i>Chaplain ;</i>
" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,	<i>Recorder ;</i>
" R. E. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,	<i>Master of Ceremonies ;</i>
" R. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	<i>Conductor ;</i>

and several companions.

The M. E. President announced the Grand Convention to be open and ready for business.

The following named companions, who were elected at the meeting held April 12th, were severally introduced and received the order of High Priesthood :—

EDWARD TAYLOR ANTHONY, MICHAEL JAMES KEATING, CHARLES MORTIMER COGLAN, FRANKLIN HENRY DAY, ABRAHAM HALSKY, JOHN LITHGOW, HIRAM NEWTON BUCKER, HENRY CHARLES LOTT, WILSON HAYS, LOUIS CONSTANTINE HUSEMAN, DORAN LUCIUS CAMPBELL, CHARLES RAY GRITMAN, JAMES SETH CRAWFORD, ROWLAND JACKSON MCDANIEL, GEORGE EDWIN WHITNEY, THOMAS AMNER, EBER GASTON BANGHAM, ADOLPHUS HEWEL, JOHN ANDREW WATSON.

The next business in order being the election of officers, the M. E. President appointed as tellers Companions STEPHEN WING and WILLIAM BUCKLEY DAVIS, and the following named companions were elected for the ensuing year :—

The M. E. WILLIAM WILSON TRAYLOR,	<i>President ;</i>
" R. E. WILEY JAMES TINNIN,	<i>Vice-President ;</i>
" R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS,	<i>Chaplain ;</i>
" R. E. HIRAM THROOP DAVIES,	<i>Treasurer ;</i>
" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,	<i>Recorder ;</i>
" R. E. GEORGE TUTTLE GRIMES,	<i>Master of Ceremonies ;</i>
" R. E. WILLIAM ABRAHAM DAVIES,	<i>Conductor ;</i>
" R. E. FRANKLIN HENRY DAY,	<i>Herald ;</i>
" R. E. ALEX. GURDON ABELL,	<i>Steward.</i>

There being no further business, the minutes of the proceedings were read and approved. The Grand Convention was then closed in *Due form.*

THEODORE EDWARD SMITH,

*Recorder.*

# OFFICERS AND MEMBERS

## OF THE

# GRAND CONVENTION OF HIGH PRIESTS.

### OFFICERS:

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" R. E. EDWIN ALDRICH RODGERS, ....	<i>Chaplain;</i>
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" R. E. THEODORE EDWARD SMITH, .....	<i>Recorder;</i>
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" R. E. ALEX. GURDON ABELL, .....	<i>Steward.</i>

### MEMBERS:

Aitkin, Robert	Callaway, Abner Edward	English, James Lawrence
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Amner, Thomas	Osawell, Thomas Hubbard	Faulkner, Charles
Anderson, Elias	Chalmers, Alexander	Farmer, Elijah Thompson
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Barsa, Frederick Ferdinand	Christiansen, Ole Christian	Goss, Leonard
Beard, Elihu Burritt	Coglan, Charles Mortimer	Graham, Thomas Jefferson
Bell, James	Cohn, Louis	Gritman, Charles Ray
Besse, John Nelson	Coleman, Edward	Halsey, Abraham
Bicknell, Jas. Witherspoon	Coleman, John Crisp	Harden, John B.
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Blair, Charles Macmurdo	Crane, Lemuel Trescott	Hays, Wilson
Blake, George Mansfield	Crawford, Ellison Lassell	Hayward, Alvinza
Bradford William	Crawford, James Seth	Hedges, Edward Richards
Brady, Alex. Buchanan	Creigh, John Dunbar	Hellwig, Charles John
Brown, Josiah Perkins	Crouch, Robert	Hewel, Adolphus
Brown, Thomas Allen	Davis, Edwin Ransome	Hilton, Osgood
Browne, John Mills	Davis, Charles Henry	Hinds, Peter Richmond
Broder, Andrew Henderson	Davis, William Buckley	Hoadley, James Henry
Broder, Robert Chidley	Dobrowsky, Adolph	Hollub, Adolphus
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Buttelmann, Frederick	Doncaster, Samuel	Hunter, George Washington
Bystle, Daniel Porter	Ellen, Elle	Huseman, Louis Constan'ne
Callow, Thomas	Ellis, Ralph	Irwin, Charles Fitzgerald

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Kingsley, James Forman	Myers, Mattison	Steel, Thomas Hugh
Kirkpatrick, John	Myres, Benjamin Franklin	Sternheim, Samuel
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Knox, William Franklin	Newton, William Davis	Stone, Nathan Hosmer
Knorp, Albert Frederick	Nurse, Stephen Kirby	Skinner, John Dodd
Kunckler, John Ernest	Oliver, Alexander Gibson	Spear, Willard Smith
Kyle, Thomas	O'Rear, Benj. Threlkeld	Surface, John Whitten
Lanphier, Gilbert	Orme, Henry Sayre	Sweany, John
Lawrence, William Lee	Parkhurst, Russell	Titus, Isaac Sutvene
Lawson, Powell Samuel	Perkins, Geo. Washington	Turner, Jared
Leech, Reuben	Petrie, William Monroe	Tuttle, Benjamin Franklin
Litchfield, Joseph Miller	Pond, Charles Lewis	Van Divier, John Floyd
Lithgow, John	Pockman, Thomas Cross	Waite, Alfred Coolidge
Lockwood, John Ranshaw	Prager, Samuel	Walbridge, John Morris
Loomis, Adoniram Judson	Pratt, Daniel Webster	Wales, Thatcher Peter
Lott, Charles Fayette	Pratt, Leonidas E	Walker, George Russell
Lott, Henry Charles	Preston, Alvin Bacon	Walker, Oscar Valentine
Luther, William Thompson	Purdy, John Eldridge	Walter, William Addison
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Mallett, George Fayette	Ream, Daniel	Waters, James
May, George	Reed, Jesse Combes	Watson, John Andrew
Mason, John Clifton	Reynolds, William Thomas	Weil, Joseph
Mason, Carnot Courtland	Rich, William Clifton	Wellendorf, Louis
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McFarlan, Abel	Ross, James	Whitney, George Edwin
McMurray, Valentine	Roush, William	Wilcox, Wilbur Justus
McKenzie, George Alex.	Rucker, Hiram Newton	Williams, Alpheus Fuller
Meikle, Peter R.	Russell, Henry Warren	Wing, Stephen
Menzies, Stewart	Ryan, William Henry	Wing, Gideon
Millington, John	Sage, Timothy	Winterburn, George Howard
Myrick, Milton Hills	Schwartz, Louis	Wyckoff, Nicholas
McBride, John Storer	Neely, John Ambrose	

## DIED:

Samuel Graves,

Alexander Hopkins Highborn,

John M. Neville.





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*Address of the Grand Secretary:*

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

*Address of the Grand Lecturer:*

THOMAS HUBBARD CASWELL, San Francisco.

NOTICE.

The Twenty-eighth Annual Convocation of the Grand Chapter of California will be holden at the Masonic Temple, in the city of San Francisco, commencing on Tuesday, the eleventh day of April, A. L. 2412, A. D. 1882.

THOMAS H. CASWELL,  
Grand Secretary.

